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TOWN OFFICERS, = 1895.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector.

AUGUSTUS M. BEARSE.

Selectmen and Assessors.

ALBERT T. SAVERY	.	.	.	.	.	Term expires	1896
EDWIN F. WITHAM	.	.	.	.	.	"	1898
CHARLES W. KINGMAN	.	.	.	.	.	"	1897

Overseers of the Poor.

SYLVANUS MENDALL	.	.	.	.	Term expires	1897
ANDREW C. WOOD (Deceased)	.	.	.	.	"	1898
CHARLES T. THATCHER (Deceased)	.	.	.	.	"	1896

School Committee.

ADELINE V. WOOD	.	.	.	.	Term expires	1896
AUGUSTUS PRATT	.	.	.	.	"	1896
EBENEZER PICKENS	.	.	.	.	"	1897
JOHANNA T. LEONARD	.	.	.	.	"	1898
JAMES M. COOMBS	.	.	.	.	"	1898
ANNIE DAVIS DEANE	.	.	.	.	"	1897

Superintendent of Schools.

ASHER J. JACOBY.

Board of Health.

ALBERT T. SAVERY	.	.	.	.	Term expires	1898
A. VINCENT SMITH	.	.	.	.	"	1897
JAMES A. BURGESS	.	.	.	.	"	1896

Municipal Light Board.

GEORGE E. WOOD	.	.	.	.	Term expires	1896
E. LEONARD LEBARON	.	.	.	.	"	1897
JOSEPH E. DIXON	.	.	.	.	"	1898

Constables.

LEANDER M. ALDEN,	EVERETT T. LINCOLN,
CHARLES A. BLISS,	SAMUEL S. LOVELL,
BENJAMIN W. BUMP,	JOHN M. LUIPPOLD,
SYLVANUS W. BUMP,	SYLVANUS MENDALL,
GEORGE W. HAMMOND,	FRED. C. SPARROW,
HERBERT L. LEONARD,	CHARLES C. TINKHAM,
HENRY C. TINKHAM.	

Superintendent of Streets.

SAMUEL N. SHIVERICK.

Registrars of Voters.

WARREN B. STETSON	.	.	.	.	Term expires	1896
THOMAS C. COLLINS	.	.	.	.	"	1897
CHARLES H. CARPENTER	.	.	.	.	"	1898

AUGUSTUS M. BEARSE, Town Clerk, *ex officio*.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1895.

APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Voted by the town for support of schools, including school-books, incidentals, and Su-

perintendent's salary	\$21,000.00
School Committee's salaries	150.00
Support of poor	4,800.00
Support of insane	1,700.00
Military aid	400.00
Soldiers' relief	800.00
Town officers	2,500.00
Incidentals	2,500.00
G. A. R., for Memorial day	200.00
Town House committee	500.00
Water supply for fire district	1,500.00
Town debt, note due	5,000.00
Lighting bond, due	\$1,000.00
Interest on lighting bonds	3,060.00
Expense of lighting plant	6,500.00
Construction of lights to the Green	500.00
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	\$11,060.00
Less est'd income from l't'g plant	6,500.00
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Leaving appropriation	4,560.00

Water street bridge voted in 1894 . . .	\$2,000.00
Interest	3,200.00
Board of health	600.00
Highway department	15,000.00
Night watch and police	900.00

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 23D.

Concrete sidewalk	500.00
Grove street	1,000.00
Water street bridge	500.00
Dredging Nemasket river	2,000.00

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 27TH.

Electric light plant	4,000.00
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	\$75,310.00
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Less corporation and bank tax, estimated . .	7,100.00
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	\$68,210.00
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Raised by two permanent loans	10,000.00
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Voted to raise by tax	\$58,210.00
State tax	2,550.00
County tax	5,650.80
Non-resident bank tax	114.33
Overlayings	1,285.20
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	\$67,810.33
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Poll taxes assessed	\$3,994.00
Taxes on personal property	8,826.73

Taxes on real estate . . .	54,875.27	
Non-resident bank tax . . .	114.33	
	<hr/>	\$67,810.33

Number of polls assessed, 1,997.

Valuation of buildings, excluding land . .	\$1,774,562
Valuation of land, excluding buildings . .	1,517,943
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Total valuation of real estate	\$3,292,505
Valuation of personal estate	529,521
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	\$3,822,026

Persons, firms, etc., assessed on property, residents	1,383
Persons, firms, etc., non-residents	327
Persons assessed for poll tax only	976

Total number of persons, etc., assessed . .	2,686
Number of horses	1,042
Number of cows	682
Number of sheep	30
Number of neat cattle other than cows . .	159
Number of swine	43
Number of dwelling houses	1,404½
Number of acres of land	39,259½
Number of fowl	2,987
Population of the town in 1895	6,692

Amount of taxes remitted from 1887 to 1893, inclusive	\$621.10
Amount of taxes remitted for 1894	\$473.43

Upon examination of the tax books and lists committed to the late Charles T. Thatcher, your Selectmen found the amount of uncollected taxes for the years 1887 to 1893 inclusive, to be \$3,167.64. It was thought best to strike from the amount \$621.10 as not being collectable, which left a balance of \$2,546.54 due for the above years. This amount was recommitted to A. M. Bearse, the present Collector, and a warrant given him to collect the same forthwith.

We believe that when these back taxes are collected and paid into the treasury of the town a much more prompt system of collecting the taxes may be adopted, which will result in equal advantage to the town collectively and the tax payer individually.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
EDWIN F. WITHAM,
CHARLES W. KINGMAN,
Assessors of Middleboro, Mass.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1895.

The Selectmen have drawn orders upon the Town Treasurer for the amounts hereinafter given, under the several appropriations made by the town.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriated for town officers	\$2,500.00
A. M. Bearse, town clerk	\$120.00
A. M. Bearse, treasurer and collector	800.01
A. T. Savery, selectman and assessor	386.25
E. F. Witham, selectman and assessor	386.25
C. W. Kingman, selectman and assessor	397.50
A. C. Wood, overseer of the poor	187.00
S. Mendall, overseer of the poor	163.50
C. T. Thatcher, est., overseer of the poor	82.50
A. M. Wood, auditor	25.00
C. H. Carpenter, registrar of voters	55.50
T. C. Collins, registrar of voters	48.50
W. B. Stetson, registrar of voters	51.24
A. M. Bearse, registrar of voters	61.22
Election officers, Precinct 1	26.00
Election officers, Precinct 2	115.00
James A. Burgess, board of health	86.75
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	2,992.22
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Overdrawn	\$492.22

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Orders drawn :	
J. C. Sullivan, legal advice . .	\$12.00
N. H. Ryder, pump South Midd. .	12.50
Geo. Soule, returning deaths of 1894	22.00
F. W. R. Emery, binding assessors'	
books	4.50
New York & Boston Despatch Exp.	
Co., express	5.10
Thorp & Martin Co., stationery .	1.80
M. R. Warren, collector's warrants .	3.00
A. E. Martell, stationery	3.50
P. B. Murphy, posters and blanks .	2.25
Walter T. Bryant, forest fire ward .	31.65
Chas. W. Kingman, "	7.70
Geo. F. Day, "	2.50
L. M. Fuller, "	4.00
Warren H. Southworth, moderator .	15.00
Chas. O. Denham, injury received on	
the highway	500.00
H. C. Hopkins, services rendered	
Wm. Dwyer	5.00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing .	120.92
William J. McCausland, damages re-	
ceived on the highway	40.00
Secretary of Commonwealth, printing	3.50
H. L. Leonard, keeper of lockup .	67.00
A. V. Smith, M. D., returning births	10.25

R. E. Southworth, painting . . .	1.50
L. P. Thatcher, error in taxes . . .	3.69
Thacher B. Lucas, envelopes . . .	64.80
A. M. Bearse, Treasurer, recording births, deaths and marriages . . .	82.15
A. M. Bearse, Treasurer, office supplies	38.95
William Bense, printing	7.00
Chas. W. Drake, office supplies . . .	1.50
Little & Brown, book for town officers	4.00
Myra K. Leonard, copying	16.80
Ladies' Auxiliary, supper for election officers	15.75
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., tax book . . .	12.00
Grace L. Elliott, copying	30.00
James A. Burgess, Ins. Milch Cows & Pro.	185.00
A. T. Savery, traveling expenses and money paid out	49.30
A. T. Savery, for use of team	25.00
E. F. Witham, for use of team	60.00
E. F. Witham, traveling expenses and money paid out	15.62
C. W. Kingman, for use of team	42.50
C. W. Kingman, traveling expenses and money paid out	12.90
W. F. Fryer, M. D., med. attendance	15.50
Mrs. A. M. Wood, copying	62.50
Chas. F. Cushman, insp'r of vinegar .	40.00
D. D. Sullivan, error in tax	5.00

Wood & Tinkham, printing town re-	
ports, etc.	531.15
M. M. Copeland, printing . .	206.00
Chas. H. Morse, damage to team .	35.00
Edward E. Hobart	3.00
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	2,440.78
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Unexpended	\$59.22

WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Orders drawn :	
Middleboro water works . . .	\$750.00
Middleboro water works . . .	750.00
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	\$1,500.00

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$500.00
Orders drawn :	
Shiverick & Thomas	\$886.88
Charged to abutters	299.83
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	587.05
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Overdrawn	\$87.05

NIGHT WATCH AND POLICE.

Appropriation	\$900.00
Orders drawn :	
Herbert L. Leonard, night watch .	\$720.00

James H. Russell, special police, 1894 and 1895	10.00	
A. P. Vaughan, special police, 1895 .	5.00	
H. H. Caswell, " " " .	5.00	
B. F. Baker, " " " .	5.00	
Leander M. Alden, " " " .	5.00	
D. S. Surrey, " " " .	5.00	
J. M. Luippold, " " " .	5.00	
Nelson Shaw, " " " .	5.00	
C. T. Gammons, " " " .	15.00	
Everett T. Lincoln, constable, 1895 .	10.00	
James A. Burgess, special police .	63.00	
F. E. Cummings, special police .	10.00	
Sylvanus Mendall, constable, 1895 .	21.00	
	<hr/>	884.00
Unexpended		<hr/> \$16.00

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Appropriated for expense account . . .	\$500.00	
Received from rent of hall . .	\$439.00	
Received from rent of rooms . .	581.00	
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		<hr/> \$1,520.00
Middleboro Gas & Electric Plant, gas and electric light	\$407.95	
Thomas W. Pierce	33.85	
George F. Bryant, coal	227.04	
B. F. Johnson, care of lawn	25.00	

Hartford steam boiler inspection and insurance	50 00	
H. G. Porter, labor on town hall .	16.80	
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, labor on town hall	41.99	
H. A. Sparrow, labor and material .	10.88	
Hiram Whittemore, repairs . .	5.40	
Jones Brothers, rubber mat . .	15.00	
L. Lincoln, labor . . . . .	.75	
S. S. Lovell, labor	2.30	
T. W. Clark, wringers	10.00	
F. C. Sparrow, labor and material .	14.97	
T. W. Pierce, labor and material .	3.40	
Sundries	16.86	
B. F. Johnson and A. M. Wood .	468.00	
	<hr/>	1,350.19
Unexpended		<hr/> \$169.81

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation	\$600.00
Received of Geo. Soule for undertaker's license	5.00
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	\$605.00

Orders drawn to April 1, 1895 :

C. S. Cummings, professional services to John Paul	\$18.00
Clark & Vaughan, groceries for John Paul	2.12
Wood & Tinkham, printing sanitary notice, etc.	71.25

J. J. Fowler, damages from fumiga- tion	10.00	
Eli Wardell, inspector of plumbing	84.33	
James A. Burgess, health officer	194.50	
	<hr/>	\$380.20

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
EDWIN F. WITHAM,
CHAS. W. KINGMAN.

Board of Health.

*Report of the Board of Health from April 1, 1895, to Jan.
1, 1896.*

Orders drawn :

Eli Wardell, inspector of plumbing	\$83.65
M. M. Copeland, printing sanitary notice, &c.	59.00
Wood & Tinkham, “ “	18.00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing and stationery	8.00
A. E. Martell & Co., board of health book	3.50
W. F. Fryer, professional services for family of Edwin Braley	37.50
C. W. Drake for disinfectant	3.75
L. F. Tinkham, cleaning up rubbish	19.90
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	\$613.50
Overdrawn	\$8.50

SANITARY CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Most of the complaints made to the Board of Health, upon investigation proved well founded. A few complaints proved to be trifling things, and matters that did not come under the

jurisdiction of the Board. Except in regard to overflowing cesspools, our town has been in a good sanitary condition. There were complaints made of thirty-six full cesspools and fifteen defective vaults. Some people think their water service is like a flowing brook that runs through a farm, and is let to run rather than repair the faucet at the sink. In a great many of the complaints, the leaking faucet has made the trouble, and some families use the privy vault as a dumping place for tin cans and the garbage. A large per cent. of the refuse from kitchen can and should be burned in the cook stove. There has been made to the Board complaints of four offensive hog-pens, but, with one exception, the owners upon being requested to remove them, immediately did so. We have been obliged in one instance to enter upon the premises and clean both stable and house cellars.

There has been left in an exposed place near the roadside, the bodies of one dead horse and four dogs, which have had to be buried.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

In the winter of 1894 a case of scarlet fever made its appearance in a family in the school district known as the West Side district, and on investigation the Board were satisfied it came from exposure of the person in the city of Quincy. With the beginning of the year of 1895 the disease made quite a little progress and it was thought on the part of the Board and the School Committee that the school-house should be fumigated and it was done, and soon the cases in that part of the village abated. In one family of seven the

entire family were sick, with the exception of the father, and aid and help had to be furnished. There were during the year thirty-six cases of scarlet fever and but one death. Of diphtheria there were eight cases and two deaths. In one family the cause on investigation and the report of the attending physician came from a full cesspool, and the owner of the property upon being notified by the Board immediately connected with the sewer. In the family of Paul, the Indian, the disease came from a sick child brought here from Philadelphia. For the last six months there has not been a case of the above diseases reported to the Board. There have been reported to the Board four cases of typhoid fever but, with two exceptions, these were in a mild form with the exception of one death, and on closing our report on contagious diseases we find our town in a far healthier condition than any of our neighboring towns and cities.

A DUMPING GROUND.

It has been a vexed question what to do with the accumulation of rubbish, and the Board were very fortunate in finding a piece of land near the house of the late Hugh Tully beyond the railroad, just off from Vine street, the property of W. B. Macomber, to use for that purpose. The bushes were cut and a sign put up and a notice put in the paper, yet some persons persisted in dumping on the side of the road on Everett street, making a nuisance of the side of the road, and the use of the private individuals for a dumping ground of any rubbish on the land of another should be stopped.

SWILL.

The Board was fortunate in finding a man who without any expense to the town would come and collect the swill from the families, and while in some instances it has not been a success it has been a great benefit to the village.

SEWER.

There have been received from the parties entering the sewer six hundred dollars, and while the Board has not at any time had to use the law, in every case the law of moral suasion has done its work. If at some future time the sewer should be extended from the corner of School and Pierce to Oak, from Oak to Arch, from Arch to Forest street, a very wet and soggy piece of land could be drained and the owners of the houses along the route could enter the same, and a canvass of the same shows that about two-thirds are ready to do so, and a source of expense and danger to the public could be removed, and in concluding our report we feel that we have done what was the best for the sanitary interest of the town.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
A. VINCENT SMITH, M. D.,
JAMES A. BURGESS,
Board of Health.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF AID.

Appropriation	\$800.00
Received from New Bedford	99.75
Due from Wareham, on acct. of Wm. Westgate	287.60
Due from State on acct. Geo. W. Tillson	\$35.00

Due from State on acct. Wm. Westgate	35.00	
“ “ “ A. J. Gardiner	35.00	
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		\$1,292.35
Due from Lynn, on acct. Marcus M. Holloway .		25.00
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		\$1,317.35

Orders drawn :

William W. Westgate	\$117.00
C. S. Cummings, M. D., professional services to W. W. Westgate	102.10
Geo. Soule, burial of W. W. Westgate	62.00
Fanny S. Bumpus, nursing W. W. Westgate	12.00
M. W. Thompson, nursing W. W. Westgate	4.50
J. W. Reed, digging grave	2.00
Francis H. Tobey	72.00
Alfred O Standish	66.00
William McMann	10.00
Lydia McMann, board of Wm. Mc Mann	74.25
T. S. Hodgson, M. D., professional services to Wm. McMann	15.50
Marcus M. Holloway	25.00
Mrs. Alice W. Bennett, board of Wilson Orr	13.00
C. S. Cummings, M. D., professional services for W. Orr	10.00

Geo. Soule, burial of Chas. C. Mellen	60.50	
Geo. Soule, burial of Geo. Tillson .	35.00	
Geo. Soule, burial of A. J. Gardiner	61.00	
Isaac M. Foye	24.00	
Charles F. Fuller	6.00	
Simeon Harlow	10.00	
Bernard Glancy	10.00	
Chas. Behlman, board of Mrs. Haskins	3.00	
Chas. T. Thatcher, on account of An-		
drew J. Gardiner	42.00	
Marshall A. Washburn	5.00	
Charles A. Howes	10.00	
Harrison Haskins	15.00	
William F. Thompson	5.00	
George Powers	5.00	
Theodore P. Holmes	10.00	
Samuel Williams	6.00	
William B. Shaw	20.00	
Thomas E. Kinder	5.00	
Charles T. Thatcher, on account of		
Charles Pittsley	10.60	
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Unexpended		<hr/> \$388.90

HERRING ACCOUNT.

Received from sale of herrings	\$275.00
Due from towns on Taunton river, for inspection at	
East Taunton	130.00
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	\$405.00

Orders drawn :

James A. Thomas	11.25	
F. C. Sparrow	7.70	
Allen B. Thomas	130.00	
Sproat estate	3.00	
Everett T. Lincoln	5.00	
A. T. Savery	5.00	
Chas. W. Kingman	5.00	
Edwin F. Witham	5.00	
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To divide with Lakeville		\$233.05

SEWER ACCOUNT.

Charges for permits to enter sewers, 1895 .	\$600.00
Orders drawn :	
E. F. Witham, committee on sewer assessments	16.17
M. O. Rounselle, work on Water st.	29.50
C. W. Kingman, committee on sewer assessments	16.17
Lucian A. Taylor, engineering .	26.60
Ansel G. Hayes, care of sewer basin	5.00
A. T. Savery, committee on sewer assessments	16.00
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	109.44
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	\$490.56

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriated for repairs of highways, snow bills, etc.	\$11,600.00
Appropriated for new roads and bridges . . .	4,000.00
Appropriated for Water street bridge . . .	500.00
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	\$15,500.00
Received from the State, on account of State road	7,668.35
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	\$23,168.35

Orders drawn :

General highway and snow bills approved by the superintendent of streets (for details see superintendent's report.) State highway bills approved by superintendent of streets . . .	23,745.05
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Overdrawn	\$576.70
There is an unadjusted claim with the State.	

ESTIMATE FOR A TAX, 1896.

For support of schools, including books, incidentals and Superintendent's salary	\$21,000.00
School Committee salary	150.00
Repairs of school buildings	1,000.00
Supervisor of music	500.00
Support of poor and insane	7,500.00
Military aid	400.00
Soldiers' relief	800.00
Town officers	3,000.00

Incidentals	2,500.00
G. A. R. for Memorial day	200.00
Town house committee	700.00
Water supply for fire district	1,500.00
Town debt note due	5,000.00
Lighting bond due	1,000.00
Interest on lighting bonds	3,120.00
Expenses of lighting plant	12,500 00
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	16,620.00
Estimated income from lighting plant	11,000.00
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	5,620.00
Interest	3,400.00
Board of health	500.00
Highway department for general repairs and clearing highways of snow, including Super- intendent's salary	15,000.00
Concrete sidewalks	500.00
Night watch and police	900.00
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	\$70,170.00
Less corporation and bank tax	7,000.00
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To be raised by tax	\$63,170.00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

The following notes to the Middleboro Savings Bank :

Dec. 1, 1887, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., payable in	9 yrs.	\$5,000.00
June 16, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ “ “	10 yrs.	5,200.00
July 25, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ “ “	11 yrs.	5,200.00

Dec. 18, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., payable in 12 yrs.	5,055.00
Dec. 26, 1891, at 4 per cent., payable Nov. 1, 1897	5,000.00
April 28, 1894, at 4 “ “ “ 1902	8,000.00
Dec. 31, 1895, at 4 “ “ “ 1903	5,000.00
Dec. 31, 1895, at 4 “ “ “ 1904	5,000.00
Sewer loan at 4 “ “ “ 1901	5,000.00
“ “ at 4 “ “ “ 1907	5,000.00
“ “ at 4 “ “ “ 1908	5,000.00
“ “ at 4 “ “ “ 1909	5,000.00
“ “ at 4 “ “ “ 1910	5,000.00
“ “ at 4 “ “ “ 1911	5,000.00

Notes payable at Middleboro National Bank :

Sewer loan, at 4 per cent., payable Nov. 1, 1912	5,000.00
“ “ at 4 “ “ “ 1913	5,000.00

Notes payable in Boston :

Railroad Loan at 4 per cent., payable Nov. 1, 1918	5,000.00
“ “ at 4 “ “ “ 1919	5,000.00
“ “ at 4 “ “ “ 1920	5,000.00
“ “ at 4 “ “ “ 1921	5,000.00

Municipal light loan bonds, due from Nov. 1,	
1896, to Nov. 1, 1923 	73,000.00

Temporary loans payable on demand :

To Middleboro Savings Bank 	5,000.00
To Middleboro National Bank 	10,000.00

\$191,455.00

Other liabilities, estimated 	2,500.00
Estimated loss on taxes 	500.00

\$194,455.00

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1896	.	\$10,212.97	
Due on taxes, Jan. 1, 1896	.	12,310.23	
Due from State, Military aid	.	416.00	
Due from State, State aid	.	3,364.00	
Due from State, on account burial of soldiers	.	105.00	
Due from Wareham, on acct. soldiers' relief	.	87.60	
Due from Lynn, on account soldiers' relief	.	25.00	
Due from towns on Taunton river, on inspection of herrings	.	130.00	
Due from concrete sidewalk account	.	299.83	
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			\$167,504.37

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
EDWIN F. WITHAM,
CHAS. W. KINGMAN,

Selectmen of Middleborough, Mass.

LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as jurors the ensuing year, viz. :

Jared F. Alden,	Orin E. Deane,
Emery F. Atwood,	Arad R. Dunham,
F. Austin G. Atwood,	George A. Earle,
Harrison W. Atwood,	Henry K. Ellis,
Harvey N. Atwood,	Lucius M. Fuller,
William F. Atwood,	George T. M. Gammons,
Joseph E. Beals,	Foster A. Harlow,
Frederic T. Belcher,	Israel T. Hathaway,
Grover Bennett,	Benjamin E. Holmes,
John S. Benson,	James L. Jenney,
Howard M. Bishop,	B. Frank Jones,
Joshua K. Bishop,	Charles W. Kingman,
George F. Bryant,	Thomas J. LeBaron,
Charles E. Bump,	Ezra S. Leonard,
Marshall P. Burgess,	William McAllister
Josiah T. Carver,	Adam P. McKeen,
Benjamin F. Caswell,	Andrew W. Miller,
Frederic P. Chase,	Luther B. Murdock,
Abisha T. Clark, Jr.,	J. Frank Peirce,
George S. Clark,	Isaac E. Perkins,
Charles F. Cornish,	Ebenezer Pickens,
George A. Cox,	David G. Pratt,
Nathaniel S. Cushing, Jr.,	Luther B. Pratt,
James S. Cuzner,	Enoch Pratt,
Albert Deane,	Nathan W. Pratt,

John C. Robinson,
 John H. Ryder,
 Edmund S. Russell,
 Albert T. Savery,
 Truman C. Savery,
 Benjamin C. Shaw,
 George H. Shaw, 2d,
 Joseph A. Shaw,
 Walter A. Shaw,
 Albert W. Smith,
 Walter M. Snow,
 George L. Soule,
 Warren H. Southworth,
 George E. Standish,
 Dennis D. Sullivan,
 Myron R. Sturges,
 David S. Surrey,

Charles H. Thomas,
 Ichabod B. Thomas,
 John B. Thomas,
 Josiah H. Thomas,
 Lazelle E. Thomas,
 Henry A. Thompson,
 George F. D. Tinkham,
 Alvin P. Vaughan,
 William L. Wade,
 Asaph F. Washburn,
 Seneca T. Weston,
 William L. White,
 Edwin F. Witham,
 Albert J. Wood,
 Edward C. Wood,
 Edward F. Wood.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
 EDWIN F. WITHAM,
 CHARLES W. KINGMAN,

Selectmen of Middleborough.

February 18, 1896.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen:

Highway appropriation for 1895 . . .	\$15,000.00
Bills rendered Town Collector:	
Town of Bridgewater, on bridge account . .	48.23
J. Crowe, 35 steel rails	96.60
Middleboro Electric Light & Gas Co., use of derrick, &c.	68.10
Middleboro School Department, on well account Fall Brook	71.31
Middleboro Water Department, iron beam and labor	19.67
City of Taunton, 15 days' use steam roller .	183.00
Received for drain pipe for driveways . .	14.35
	\$15,501.26

The following orders have been approved to section men for payment of labor and teams:

Appropriation exceeded, 1894	\$304.07
Paid S. S. Lovell	3,562.09
I. E. Macomber	523.18
Albert Reed	515.23
Sylvanus Bump	244.06
George Sampson	200.00

H. A. Thompson	.	.	.	.	.	344.49
H. L. Thomas	.	.	.	.	.	329.72
S. L. Pratt	.	.	.	.	.	458.35
I. B. Thomas	.	.	.	.	.	191.34
N. S. Cushing	.	.	.	.	.	124.25
W. A. Shaw	.	.	.	.	.	312.67
H. M. Bishop	.	.	.	.	.	222.35
Henry Tinkham	.	.	.	.	.	397.87
B. P. W. Lovell	.	.	.	.	.	135.30
O. F. Carver	.	.	.	.	.	387.48
J. H. Thomas	.	.	.	.	.	262.54

Expense on snow account, 1895 :

Paid S. S. Lovell	.	.	.	.	.	206.20
I. E. Macomber	.	.	.	.	.	25.10
Sylvanus Bump	.	.	.	.	.	19.40
H. L. Thomas	.	.	.	.	.	7.10
S. L. Pratt	.	.	.	.	.	26.20
W. A. Shaw	.	.	.	.	.	14.85
H. M. Bishop	.	.	.	.	.	4.00
Henry Tinkham	.	.	.	.	.	29.27
B. P. W. Lovell	.	.	.	.	.	29.00
Paid L. Lincoln & Son, blacksmithing	.	.				71.25
Fairbanks Scale Co., one pair 5-ton scales						100.00
S. S. Lovell, labor paid at crusher	.	.				9.80
George Sampson, 2,350 brick	.	.	.			17.62
Geo. Tibbetts, revolving screen					\$100.00	
Geo. Tibbetts, western reversible scraper	250.00	

Geo. Tibbetts, 8-horse plow and cutting plates, &c. . . .	50.00	
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	\$400.00	
Credit by second-hand scraper	50.00	
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	\$350.00	350.00
O. F. Carver, 40 tons building stone .		16.00
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, steam pump, piping, &c.		109.47
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, pulleys, shafting, hose- lift, &c.		76.51
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, 1,497 ft. 2-in. pipe at 10c.		149.70
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, freight, cartage, laying, &c.		69.10
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, labor, oil, waste and forgings		24.15
A. J. Bailey, sign boards, 1893 and 1894 .		8.00
G. F. Blake, 50 bars railroad iron . . .		131.38
C. H. Carpenter, 474 loads gravel . . .		38.60
E. O. Parker, cement		4.20
M. O. Rounseville, setting curbing on North and Main sts., blasting on Grove st., &c.		62.30
Excavating, stone work, cement, blasting and setting steel beams at Water street bridge		651.85
C. Clemens, carting derrick, Taunton to Middleboro		10.00
E. M. Barden, care of water trough, 1894 .		5.00
C. H. Thomas, 13 bbls. Portland cement .		29.25
Joseph Pease, 85 loads gravel on Everett street, 1892		25.50

E. T. Jenks, damage to driveway cutting grade, 1893	4.80
City of Taunton, rental of derrick 5 months	75.00
W. R. Pierce, 51 stone bounds, year 1881	25.50
A. G. Williams, 3,198 ft. hard pine plank at \$25.00	79.95
Labor and teams, Pratt's and Titicut bridges	16.50
M. H. Cushing, lime for catch-basins .	4.10
Hartford Boiler Insurance Co., 3 years' indemnity of \$5,000 on crusher boiler .	50.00
F. C. Sparrow, 240 hours building railings, East Main, Coombs and Water streets, also putting up guideboards and street names	89.69
T. W. Pierce, merchandise as per bill .	74.75
Carl Maxim, labor, 1894	17.00
Snow plows, repairs on scrapers, &c. .	42.85
A. A. Savery, 112 loads gravel . . .	8.96
Nightingale & Childs, exchange of elevator Jaws for crusher, cheek pieces, toggles, bearings, grease, &c.	83.53
D. S. Surrey, 2 stone steps for Dr. George Ellis	12.00
D. S. Surrey, 2 stone steps for C. Hathaway	12.00
James Thomas, moving wall cor. Sachem and Wareham streets, also horn pine rollers .	12.00
E. Cromwell, blacksmithing	96.96
C. E. Weston, surveying and plan of Water street bridge and Vine street . . .	23.00
Taylor Steel Co., manganese steel jaw, 419 lbs. at 10c.	41.90

L. S. Bailey, blacksmithing	84.99
O. S. Kelley, rental of steam roller one year	1,200.00
Thomas Smith, stone at 40c. per ton	5.99
J. B., O. F. & F. Carver, stone and teaming	57.48
J. A. Thomas, stone and teaming	13.95
J. Caples, stone and teaming	4.93
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber per bills	161.59
N. F. Shurtleff, labor and teams graveling	54.25
Levi Tinkham, stone	6.59
L. T. Miller, 1,050 feet land cor. Sachem and Wareham streets	10.00
Moving wall, \$6.00; stone, \$17.58	23.58
J. P. Marshall, stone, wood and tallow	14.83
George F. Bryant, 6,600 lbs. coal	13.50
L. B. Pratt, 1,257 yds. excavation and build- ing part of Vine street, per contract	293.19
T. G. Ford, blacksmithing	7.50
W. B. Stetson, 36 loads gravel at 10c.	3.60
J. & G. E. Doane, merchandise per bill	108.49
Received from selectmen for superintendent's ser- vices from Oct. 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895	387.50
From April 1st, 1895, to Jan. 1st, 1896	581.25
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	\$14,789.49
Balance reserve for State road	\$711.77

It has been necessary the past season to replace and build quite an amount of street railing, which has been done in a thorough manner. All guideboards and street names have had attention, and the law complied with as far as known. I

would say that our dealings with Messrs. Nightingale and Childs was not very satisfactory.

STATE HIGHWAY.

October, 1894, the State Highway Commission granted Middleboro a State road from Sachem street to Wood street; in June an extension was granted from Wood street to Water street. Work was begun on same April 15th, and completed about Sept. 15th. 6,500 feet has been accepted by the State, or as far as macadamized; the balance will probably be finished in 1896, when, as understood, some credit due the unfinished portion will be paid upon acceptance of same. It seems as though the State road must be appreciated as it is extended; there is certainly a popular demand for it from all sections of the State. I wish I could report that cost had not exceeded State's allowance for same. As designed, Barden Hill would not have been lowered; in other places the State was laying out but twenty-one feet for width. We were allowed a four and one-half feet cut in Barden Hill, also our road was widened to thirty feet. These changes were great improvements, but very much increased the excavation, the hardest prices to compete with, which were 30 cents per cubic yard on first section, and 25 cents on hill section. I could not personally look after all excavation. Mr. Foster, State Engineer, reported me a serious loss in this item, also on the fencing, the fence on first section to be allowed $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents per foot with two coats paint, and 15 cents on second section. I doubt if it can be done, according to specifications, for either sum. I think my losses confined to

these items. As stated last season, the State furnishes no apparatus, but maintains the road for all time. Stone were crushed, separated in grades, loaded into carts and weighed, when deposited in front of crusher, as low as 12 cents per ton. Some orders have been specified as State orders, perhaps, that do not belong to cost of construction, but are a part of crushing plant.

Paid help, receiving, storing and weighing in

2,360 tons stone	\$65.00
Paid Jacob Wood, stone at 40c. ton .	\$17.11
Jacob Wood " .	8.83
L. N. Leonard " .	57.35
Jas. Thomas " .	266.93
J. P. Marshall " .	42.99
W. D. Cornell " .	22.30
Jas. Farley " .	6.10
W. S. Barden " .	18.42
Wm. N. Shaw " .	72.67
T. West " .	17.01
Geo. Sherman " .	21.31
John Caples " .	46.41
John McNally " .	48.24
Lucien Atwood " .	46.96
J. B. Carver " .	50.28
O. F. Carver " .	147.99
Geo. Gammons " .	24.67
G. Simmons " .	60.01
S. S. Lovell " .	12.58
E. Downing " .	64.79

Paid S. Downing, stone at 40c. ton .	4.00
L. B. Pratt “ .	71.58
A. F. Cobb “ .	80.04
T. C. Swift “ .	14.10
W. Pratt “ .	42.23
Geo. Clark “ .	85.59
Lewis Shaw “ .	26.81
Harvey Thomas “ .	28.60
L. E. Thomas “ .	13.52
C. O. Cook “ .	35.13
Thomas Smith “ .	36.41
L. T. Miller “ .	27.24
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Paid for stone and receiving . . .	\$1,583.24
Paid help and teams for labor . . .	6,544.13
J. A. Thomas, 24.2 cubic yards stone work	
on Stony Brook at \$2.50 . . .	60.50
41 $\frac{1}{3}$ yards paving at 65 cents . . .	26.87
6.73 cubic yds. stone laid in cement at \$5 .	33.65
Setting 17 stone bounds and cartage at \$1.25	21.25
Freight on stone bounds . . .	15.79
George F. Bryant, 50 tons coal . .	237.50
George Sherman, 175 loads gravel at 10 cts.	17.50
L. T. Miller, 781 “ “	78.10
J. P. Marshall, 659 “ “	65.90
F. C. Sparrow, fencing . . .	574.70
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	\$9,259.13

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. SHIVERICK.

GAS AND ELECTRIC PLANT.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER.

MIDDLEBORO, January 1, 1896.

To the Officers of The Municipal Light Board:

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements for the year ending January 1, 1896 :

Expended for maintenance of electric plant as follows :

Globes for arc lamps	.	.	.	\$3.67
Insurance	.	.	.	514.19
Commissioners' expenses	.	.	.	140.75
Stable account	.	.	.	129.99
Wages at station	.	.	.	2,131.17
Care of arc lamps, including Titicut				985.00
Office expenses	.	.	.	142.16
Salary and clerical work	.	.	.	742.45
Painting building at electric station	.			173.55
Repairs steam plant	.	.	.	82.99
“ electric plant	.	.	.	11.79
“ street lines	.	.	.	441.54
“ water plant	.	.	.	319.94
Paid Middleboro water works	.	.	.	38.25
General maintenance account	.	.	.	532.57

Coal consumed*	.	.	.	.	3,276.87
Wood consumed	.	.	.	.	2.50
Carbons consumed	369.78
Oil and waste consumed	184.18
Tools and appliances	1.55
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					\$10,224.89

Paid for construction (electric) as follows :

Transformers	221.33
Station tools and appliances†	329.35
Separate arc line to Titicut	.	.	.	.	241.13
Boiler house	.	.	.	.	270.00
Foundation for boiler	.	.	.	.	165.00
Moving and setting boilers	.	.	.	.	253.00
Connecting and fitting boiler	.	.	.	.	284.16
Connecting stack	.	.	.	.	101.80
Building and equipping line to Green	.	.	.	.	712.00
General construction	.	.	.	.	300.99
Paid M. O. Rounseville, excavating, building walls and blasting rocks in river	2,000.00
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					\$4,878.76

Paid for maintenance (gas) as follows :

Repairs of gas plant	\$281.12
Paid Middleboro water works	13.56
Wages at gas works	.	.	.	.	508.03
Salary and clerk hire	.	.	.	.	702.47

*The amount of coal consumed may seem at first sight to be much more than is being shown per month from July to January, 1895, which is owing to the fact that we had no water until the 12th of April.

† This includes one Weston Volt Meter, one Price's Current Meter, for accurately estimating the flow of the Nemasket river; also one Crosby Indicator, for measuring the energy exerted by steam plant.

General office expenses	137.66	
Repairs of meters	188.84	
Stable account	123.51	
Coal and wood	691.39	
Naphtha	814.37	
Fuel oil	389.44	
Repairs of gas mains and services .	82.22	
Apparatus and machinery . .	33.11	
	<hr/>	\$3,965.72

Expended for construction (gas) :

Moving and setting boiler . .	\$193.84	
Water ballast on gas-holder . .	23.87	
Piping boiler	28.61	
Piping to steam trap	17.34	
	<hr/>	\$263.66

Maintenance of suburban lights :

Paid for oil	\$136.13	
Lamp wicks	3.25	
Freight	14.49	
Chimneys	18.93	
George R. Eastman, supplies and carting oil	14.77	
George R. Eastman, wages .	192.00	
William Reed, supplies and cart- ing oil	2.09	
William Reed, wages . .	96.00	
Repairs of lamps, including paint- ing	23.13	
Howard M. Bishop	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$503.29

Inventory of stock in hand January 1, 1896 :

50 gallons cylinder oil	.	.	.	.	.	\$32.50
40 gallons engine oil	.	.	.	.	.	12.00
50 pounds grease	.	.	.	.	.	7.50
200 pounds waste	.	.	.	.	.	16.00
10 pounds rubber packing	.	.	.	.	.	4.00
One-half barrel compound	.	.	.	.	.	7.50
Belting	.	.	.	.	.	115.00
Carbons	.	.	.	.	.	50.50
Cut-outs	.	.	.	.	.	28.55
Cleats	.	.	.	.	.	14.00
Rosettes	.	.	.	.	.	22.00
Switches	.	.	.	.	.	40.45
Key sockets	.	.	.	.	.	29.35
Keyless sockets	.	.	.	.	.	24.31
O. K. and R. C. wire	.	.	.	.	.	110.00
U. S. wire	.	.	.	.	.	93.00
New gas meters	.	.	.	.	.	54.00
Silk and cotton cord	.	.	.	.	.	24.12
Incandescent lamps	.	.	.	.	.	22.25
Arc lamps	.	.	.	.	.	41.58
Pipe and fittings	.	.	.	.	.	83.00
Valves and cocks	.	.	.	.	.	28.73
W. P. line wire	.	.	.	.	.	98.30
Poles and cross arms	.	.	.	.	.	45.30
Insulators and pins	.	.	.	.	.	8.00
Poles	.	.	.	.	.	18.00
Braces, lags, &c.	.	.	.	.	.	5.60
Bolts	.	.	.	.	.	8.72

Coal	879.64
Horse and wagon	147.00
Naphtha	92.40
Fuel oil	71.00
Empty oil barrels	64.00
Empty wire reels	30.00
Rubber hooks	8.37
Insulating	46.13
Hay and grain	14.43
Fire brick	19.62
Fire brick slabs	21.30
Wire cable	43.36
Kaolin	1.75
Fire clay	2.30
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	\$2,485.56
Cash on hand January 1, 1896	\$243.54
Amount due from consumers	\$804.90
Amount paid town treasurer	\$9,020.95

I wish to call your attention to the fact, that in order to legally observe the flow of the Nemasket river, (which duty was imposed by the Taunton Water Works, inasmuch as they erected at the source of the Nemasket river a dam, which materially decreases our supply of water,) we have been obliged to keep in constant employ a civil engineer and assistant, which extra expense I have charged to the maintenance account. This must be done in order that the town might be in a position to defend the case for damage to water

plant, already instituted with Hosea Kingman, Esq., as counsel.

The survey of flow of water was commenced January, 1895, and continued until January, 1896, giving an account carefully compiled by three surveys each week at Vaughn's bridge and several made at the source of the Nemasket river.

In closing this report, you will please accept my heartfelt thanks for your very valuable assistance and gentlemanly demeanor in my behalf, which has afforded me much pleasure and must leave pleasant memories for me.

Yours to command,

JOHN N. MAIN,

Manager.

Approved.

GEORGE E. WOOD,

E. L. LEBARON,

J. E. DIXON,

Light Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE LIGHT COMMISSIONERS.

To the Citizens of Middleboro:

The preceding report of the Manager of the Gas and Electric Plant, which has received our approval, shows in detail all moneys received and disbursed by this department, and from which we deduce the following summary :

EXPENSE.

Total amount of orders drawn on town treasurer \$22,324.88

Which has been expended as follows :

For maintenance, electric plant	\$10,224.89	
Maintenance, gas plant . . .	3,965.72	
Construction, electric plant . .	4,878.76	
Construction, gas plant . . .	263.66	
Suburban lighting by oil . . .	503.29	
Stock and material on hand, as per inventory	2,485.56	
	<hr/>	\$22,324.88

RECEIPTS.

Amount paid town treasurer, received from consumers	\$9,020.95	
Due from consumers to Jan. 1, 1896	804 90	
Cash in hands of manager Jan. 1, '96	243.54	
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		\$12,255.49
Less amount of stock and material on hand Jan. 1, 1896		2,485.56
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Showing net expense		\$9,769.93
From which should be deducted amount expended for suburban lighting	\$503.29	
Also amount expended in construc- tion for gas and electric plants, both of which are for permanent improvements and increase the		

value of the property to that		
amount	5,142.42	
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Leaving total maintenance expense \$4,124.22
for one hundred and eleven arc lights, from Jan. 1, 1895, to
Jan. 1, 1896, or \$37.15 per light per year. To which should
be added the amount paid for interest on bonds, \$3,000,
making an actual cost of \$64.19 per light per year.

As some of the citizens may consider the payment of
bonds which mature yearly an expense against the lights, but
which in reality is a partial payment on so much property
bought, and as paid for becomes an asset of the town and is
in no way chargeable to the maintenance of lights, be added,
it would make the cost appear \$73.19 per light, which is
much below what adjoining towns and cities are paying.

There has been this year an expense, as previously stated
by the manager, of over \$500 for services of a civil engineer
in taking measurements of the flow of the river and for sur-
veys, to protect the town's interests against the city of Taun-
ton, caused by the erection of the dam at the lake, and which
through our counsel we are led to believe will be recovered
together with a sufficient sum as damages for the interference
with the natural flow of the river.

In the matter of insurance on the electric plant the amount
paid in premiums per year, \$514.29, seems to be a needless
expense, as the risk, considering the manner in which the
building is equipped with hose and other fire protection, re-
duces the risk to a minimum, and should a loss occur it would

seem that it would be necessarily small, and we suggest that the town assume this risk. The above items alone, which have been charged to maintenance and which should not again occur, will reduce cost of lights nearly ten dollars each per year.

There has also been an additional charge this year to maintenance account for painting electric station, which was necessitated by the condition of the bricks, some of which being soft were affected by the rains and were scaling or chipping off, but have been preserved by the paint and the building is in excellent condition, all work having been done in a thorough manner.

The construction account is increased this year nearly \$1,900 by the extension to the Green of the arc lights at an expense of \$700, and by the necessity of larger boiler capacity at the electric station, which was provided by removing the 100-horse power boiler from the gas plant and transferring the small heater boiler at electric station to gas plant. This exchange with foundations, together with the erection of a corrugated iron building at electric plant of sufficient capacity to hold three large boilers for future use, has caused an expense of \$1,200. All of which work we trust will meet your approbation upon inspection.

You will note that in the last two years the amount received from consumers has increased nearly \$3,500. This increased output of current, together with the loss of water occasioned by the interference of Taunton with the natural flow of the river, together with an additional number of arc lights to the Green, has in the dry season taxed the steam plant to some

extent, and with the continued applications for commercial lights on account of the new bank building and other private consumers, compel us as a safeguard to the town and present consumers, should we have a dry summer and still further increased demand for commercial service, to recommend the purchase of a 250-horse power engine for the electric station.

The outlook for the coming year is that your receipts from commercial business will fully meet the maintenance expense, and as there appears to be little needed except the above recommendation for engine your construction account will be small, giving you street lights at a small sum per light.

We wish to extend our thanks to the Manager for faithfulness in the care of the property and his willingness at all times to do the work of others at either plant, which has been a material saving to the town.

All of which we respectfully submit.

GEORGE E. WOOD,

E. L. LEBARON,

JOSEPH E. DIXON,

Light Commissioners.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

JANUARY, 1896.

The report of the Librarian, herewith appended, presents the work of the library as performed by her and her assistants.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Trustees of the Middleboro Public Library:

I have the honor to submit the twenty-second annual report of the public library, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895.

The library has been open 305 days, from 2 until 8 p. m. Twenty-three thousand seven hundred and sixty-one volumes have been delivered with cards. No record has been kept of books consulted in the library.

A careful estimate has been made of the number and class of books drawn, and, as in all free public libraries, fiction predominates,—12,629 volumes having been issued. The historical novels count up to 2,102. Juvenile books given out number 5,129; travels, 909; history, American and foreign, 536; biography, 599; scientific, 361; literature and poetry, 710; religious, 159; bound volumes of magazines, 366; other works, not classified, 261.

Four hundred and eighty-five volumes have been added during the year, and the library now numbers 6,769 volumes, not including pamphlets. Forty-three books are laid aside for the binder, and 213 volumes have been rebound. Fifteen books have been discarded as worn out, but will be replaced by new ones, as far as practicable. One hundred and three volumes of magazines have been bound, which are included in the number of books added.

Number of the last card issued, 1,512, and increase of 252 from last year.

The largest monthly circulation was in March, 2,791 volumes, and the smallest, 1,514, in July. Covered, numbered and labeled, 1,196 volumes.

Miss Lucy M. T. Brayton has served regularly as assistant from 2 until 4, and Miss Myra K. Leonard and Miss Alice M. Alden as occasion has required.

Received from sale of catalogues	.	.	.	\$1.50
Received from sale of cards	.	.	.	1.00
Received from fines	.	.	.	35.25
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				\$37.75
Paid for postoffice box	.	.	.	\$2.00
Paid for express and sundries	.	.	.	4.25
Paid for rubber stamps and pads	.	.	.	1.50
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				\$7.75

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER,

Librarian.

January, 1896.

The library has received several volumes of Massachusetts State Reports and other books and documents from the Secretary of State ; Congressional Record and other public documents, through the efforts of Hon. Elijah A. Morse, M. C. ; a volume from Rev. W. B. Hale, and a number of bound and unbound reports and documents from the different departments of the national government at Washington.

Special effort is made to meet the needs of teachers and scholars in different departments of school work, also of students and readers in lines of literary, historical and scientific work, so far as the means at the command of the library will permit.

The following periodicals may be found regularly on the reading-room table :

American Agriculturist,	Manifesto,
Arena,	McClure's Magazine,
Art Interchange,	New England Magazine,
Atlantic Monthly,	Outing,
Biblia,	Overland Monthly,
Century Magazine,	Popular Science Monthly,
Cosmopolitan,	Public Opinion,
Current Literature,	Review of Reviews,
Eclectic Magazine,	Saint Nicholas,
Engineering Magazine,	Scientific American,
Forum,	Scientific American Supplement,
Frank Leslie's Monthly,	Scribner's Magazine.
Godey's,	
Harper's Magazine,	

TREASURER'S REPORT, PUBLIC LIBRARY,
FOR 1895.

Balance on hand at last annual report . . .	\$184.16
Received from town treasurer, "dog money" . . .	812.30
" " " " "other licenses" . . .	51.00
" for fines, etc., at library	37.75
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	\$1,085.21
Paid A. K. Thatcher, librarian . . .	\$200.00
Lucy M. T. Brayton, assistant . . .	76.50
Myra K. Leonard, assistant . . .	19.10
Alice M. Alden, assistant . . .	12.70
Harriet B. Sylvester, assistant . . .	6.80
Estes & Lauriat, books . . .	457.46
James H. Lamb, books . . .	10.00
Balch Brothers, books . . .	12.50
C. A. Nichols & Co., books . . .	30.00
J. G. Cupples & Co., books . . .	8.50
George E. Littlefield, books . . .	10.00
Massachusetts Year Book . . .	1.00
C. W. Drake, periodicals, &c. . .	66.22
F. W. R. Emery, rebinding . . .	95.97
F. J. Barnard & Co., rebinding . . .	10.83
Wood & Tinkham, advertising . . .	10.00
Library Bureau, supplies . . .	3.60
H. L. Thatcher, paper for covers and printing	17.08

Paid postage, express, freight, etc. .	16.97	
Jones Bros., repairing furniture	2.70	
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Balance on hand, January, 1896 . . .		<hr/> \$17.28
Respectfully submitted.		

JOSEPH E. BEALS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Middleboro, January, 1896.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1895-1896.

Term expires 1896.	Term expires 1897.	Term expires 1898.
WM. R. PEIRCE, <i>Pres.</i>	GEORGE BRAYTON,	E. ROBINSON,
C. D. KINGMAN,	JAMES M. COOMBS,	E. S. HATHAWAY,
W. H. SOUTHWORTH.	Jos. E. BEALS, <i>Sec'y.</i>	ANDREW M. WOOD.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

For the Year 1895.

Net amount drawn from the treasury	.	.	\$6,819.18
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Received as follows from

City of Lynn	\$17.00
“ Woburn	18.00
Town of Wareham	30.02
“ Freetown	174.38
“ Nantucket	8.00
“ Duxbury	38.00
Produce from farm sold	411.54
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				<hr/>	\$7,516.12

Paid out as follows :

For support of paupers in the almshouse	.	.	\$2,087.89
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Out of the almshouse :

Aseneth E. Alden	\$52.00
Nancy, Sarah and Olive Leonard	156.00
Mrs. Ellen Croacher	.	.	.	.	15.00
Mrs. James E. Richmond	.	.	.	.	75.50
Mrs. Allen Pratt	.	.	.	.	5.11
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Walker	.	.	.	.	45.00

Mrs. Stillman Morse	.	.	.	64.50	
Mrs. E. V. Parker	.	.	.	84.70	
Mrs. Albert Elliott	.	.	.	186.00	
Mrs. Mary L. Beisecker	.	.	.	152.87	
Mrs. Fidelia Collins	.	.	.	21.00	
Mrs. Julia A. Tobey	.	.	.	152.10	
Levi Shaw	.	.	.	129.00	
Sarah Vaughan	.	.	.	31.00	
Wm. L. White, Jr.	.	.	.	21.75	
Standish Ryder	.	.	.	58.65	
Fred Wilmot	.	.	.	10.00	
J. F. Dowsing	.	.	.	104.00	
Geo. Messer	.	.	.	100.00	
Wm. McAusland	.	.	.	27.07	
Foster Tinkham	.	.	.	9.00	
Stillman Hall	.	.	.	60.00	
Andrew J. Gardner	.	.	.	4.00	
				<hr/>	1,564.25
Town of Westport, for aid furnished					
Rosalie A. Thyng	.	.	.	\$39.00	
Town of Fairhaven, for aid for Zilpha					
E. Barrows	.	.	.	6.35	
Town of Yarmouth, for aid for Mrs.					
Carlona Simmons	.	.	.	41.00	
Town of Plymouth, for aid for Eph-					
raim Bell	.	.	.	81 00	
David Shurtleff	.	.	.	18.75	
Town of Falmouth, for aid for Clara					
S. Carr	.	.	.	96.00	

Town of Freetown, for aid for Annie	
M. Harlow	67.00
Town of Barnstable, for aid for Eunice	
H. Tinkham	15.00
Town of Wareham, for aid for Phineas	
Haskins	9.00
Samuel Haskins	5.43
Old Ladies' Home, Brockton, for	
Patience C. Benson	90.00
City of Lawrence, for aid for Mrs.	
David Jones	18.65
City of New Bedford, aid for Mrs.	
Mary Lawrence	169.46
Mrs. William Thornton	24.00
Chester Lawrence	3.85
May C. Washburn	9.35
City of Brockton, aid for Robert R.	
Clark	9.50
City of Taunton, aid for Mrs. Nancy	
Ashley	85.50
Emma I. Hackett	33.28
City of Boston, aid for Mrs. Evelyn	
Savery	6.00
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	828.12

In Taunton Insane Hospital :

Charles Murdock	\$169.46
C. Herbert Wilder	169.46
Charles H. Littlejohn	169.46
Carrie S. Bryant	169.46

Emma K. Glancy	169.46
Thomas J. Shaw	17.64
George W. Williams	14.39
Mary E. Haskins	25.51

In Worcester Insane Hospital :

Robert Fitzsimmons	169.46
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In Massachusetts School for Feeble
Minded :

Ezra O. Cobb	212.14
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In State Farm at Bridgewater :

George Wallen	146.00
Joseph Wallen	146.00

In Westboro Insane Hospital :

Wallace C. Collins	78.46
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In Marlboro :

Joanna O'Keefe	156.43
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Aid furnished those having settle-
ments in other places :

Mrs. Hannah B. N. Bumpus, Wareham	\$16.50
William Bumpus, Wareham . .	10.12
Charles H. Fuller, Nantucket .	2.00
George W. Brackett, Lynn . .	20.10
D. H. Haskins, Freetown . .	14.00
"Ray" children, "	10.13
Ezra A. Pittsley, "	83.25
Mrs. Bridget A. Doherty, Woburn .	16.75
Hiram B. Simmons, Duxbury . .	62.00
Mrs. Amanda Glover, Plymouth .	12.00

246.85

Paid John M. Cushman, for ashes .	\$242.08	
Geo. L. Soule, funeral expenses		
of John Dick	23.50	
Funeral expenses of a child .	10.00	
James A. Burgess, expenses out		
of town with pauper	2.50	
Thos. C. Collins, for insurance	40.80	
S. Mendall, expenses out of town		
with paupers, and cash paid .	6.80	
Dr. T. S. Hodgson, at almshouse,		
one year	50.00	
Dr. T. S. Hodgson, outside alms-		
house, one year	100.00	
S. L. Nickerson and wife, super-		
intendent and matron	500.00	
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		\$7,516.12
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Whole number in almshouse during year .		19
Whole number tramps during year		568
Inmates the whole time		13
Present number		18
Number of weeks for one person		959
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Average expense per week, not including super-		
intendent's salary		\$2.18
Amount real estate, Jan. 1, 1896	\$9,925.00	
Amount personal estate, Jan. 1, 1896	3,000.00	
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Amount of produce raised on the farm :

Hay	30 tons
Corn fodder	10 tons
Rye straw	2 tons
Mowed oats	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 tons
Rowen	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 tons
Squashes and pumpkins	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3½ tons
Corn	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	350 bushels
Potatoes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	190 bushels
Turnips	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 bushels
Beets	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28 bushels
Carrots	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12½ bushels
Beans	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9½ bushels
Parsnips	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 bushels
Rye	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 bushels
Cabbage	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	250 heads
Apples	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 barrels
Butter	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	465 pounds
Pork	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,700 pounds
Beef	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,615 pounds
Veal	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	240 pounds
Milk	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,750 gallons
Cream	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26 gallons
Eggs	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	635 dozens
Pigs	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Fowl	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	85

Tomatoes, cucumbers, rhubarb, green beans, green peas, melons, etc., in abundance.

There has been but one death in the almshouse during the year, Mrs. Annie M. Perkins, who died Nov. 22.

As has been our custom in the past, we again cordially invite all persons interested to call at the almshouse, and they may be sure of a hearty welcome both from the inmates and our genial superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Nickerson, who will cheerfully extend to visitors the hospitalities of the house.

By the death on Nov. 18 of Charles T. Thatcher the Board of Overseers were bereft not only of the faithful clerk of the Board, who had served the town for ten successive years, but also an associate, with whom the pleasantest relations have always been sustained, a man faithful to the duties intrusted to him.

ANDREW C. WOOD,
SYLVANUS MENDALL,
Overseers of Poor.

Since the above report was prepared, Mr. Andrew C. Wood, the chairman of the Board, has passed to his rest. He quietly breathed his last on Saturday morning, February 1, 1896. His period of service on the Board covered twenty-three consecutive years, during much of which time he was chairman of the Board. As a result of a long period of intimate relation with Mr. Wood, no one outside of the family circle can feel more sensibly his own personal loss than the remaining member of the Board. Peculiarly fitted as he was by nature and habit for the position he occupied, the town has lost one of its best officers. Careful and considerate in the administration of his trust, the poor of the town will miss him as a kind friend and discreet adviser, and one ever mindful of their interests.

STATE AID

Furnished the following persons for the year 1895.

Bisbee, Sylvanus	\$34 00	Littlejohn, Ira O.	\$24 00
Bliss, Alphonso	56 00	Lucas, Abner	48 00
Bly, Mrs. Adeline H.	20 00	Merrick, John R.	48 00
Bump, Benjamin W.	36 00	Mosher, Benjamin F.	48 00
Bump, Wm. E.	48 00	Morse, Ezra	36 00
Bumpus, Marcus	30 00	Morse, Mrs. Lucy A.	48 00
Butler, Mrs. Susan K.	48 00	Nichols, Mrs. Lucia M.	24 00
Capen, Mrs. Mary L.	48 00	Norveille, Mrs. Susan A.	36 00
Chamberlain, Mrs. Catherine	48 00	Paull, Mrs. Mary A.	48 00
Chase, Ezra S.	36 00	Perkins, Mrs. Calista	36 00
Clarke, Mrs. Maria H.	36 00	Perkins, John J.	48 00
Cobb, Ansel A.	36 00	Perkins, Mrs. Joanna A.	32 00
Cole, Job N.	60 00	Powers, George	43 00
Copeland, Mrs. Amy E.	48 00	Pratt, Mrs. Maria A.	44 00
Crosby, Asa F.	72 00	Pittsley, Charles P.	120 00
Darling, Mrs. Amanda F.	36 00	Pittsley, Cordelia M.	32 00
Dorr, Amos L.	72 00	Raymond, Lucius S.	48 00
Engelsted, Charles W.	24 00	Raymond, Marcus M.	36 00
Fagan, Peter	120 00	Shaw, George H. 2d	20 00
Gammons, Thomas G.	36 00	Shaw, Isaac	36 00
Gardner, Andrew J.	12 00	Shaw, William B.	61 00
Gibbs, Abiel	48 00	Shaw, William N.	68 00
Glancy, Bernard	72 00	Smith, Hercules	36 00
Glidden, Benjamin R.	48 00	Scanlin, John	72 00
Haines, Mrs. Maria S.	24 00	Standish, Alfred O.	48 00
Haley, Edward Jr.	24 00	Staples, William S.	35 00
Hansell, Mrs. Lottie E.	28 00	Soule, Mrs. Abbie J.	24 00
Harlow, Mrs. Betsey	48 00	Thomas, Arad Jr.	48 00
Harris, Mrs. Lydia A.	42 00	Tinkham, Charles	21 00
Haskins, Harrison	54 00	Walker, Mrs. Hannah W.	24 00
Hathaway, Mrs. Susan A.	16 00	Ware, Mrs. Harriet A.	48 00
Haven, Perley	32 00	Weatherby, Mrs. Betsey D.	24 00
Holmes, Theodore P.	48 00	Westgate, Edward S.	48 00
Holloway, Marcus M.	72 00	Weston, Sanford	56 00
Howard, Cyrus S.	48 00	Weston, Dura T.	24 00
Howes, Charles A.	72 00	Whitcomb, Mrs. Martha W.	48 00
Howland, Alvin	48 00	Whitcomb, William R.	24 00
Hunt, Ephraim A.	36 00	Wilbur, Daniel F.	16 00
Hunt, Mrs. Vesta H.	48 00	Wood, Mrs. Eliza T.	48 00
Jefferson, Mrs. Sarah C.	24 00	Wood, Jacob	48 00
Knowland, John B.	48 00		
Lane, Benjamin F.	120 00		
LeBaron, Mrs. Louisa F.	16 00		
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			\$3,648 00

MILITARY AID

Furnished the following persons for the year 1895.

Cole, Edwin M.	\$72 00	Morse, Artemas	\$42 00
Cunningham, David H.	72 00	Thompson, William F.	72 00
Deane, George R.	48 00	Washburn, Marshall A.	72 00
Dunham, William H.	30 00	Wilbur, Daniel F.	32 00
Harlow, Simeon	96 00	Wood, Daniel F.	80 00
McLauthlin, Benjamin S.	120 00		
McMann, James E.	96 00		<hr/> \$832 00

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FOR THE YEAR 1894.

*A. M. Bearse, Collector of Taxes,
In account with Town of Middleborough.*

1895.	Dr.	Cr.
Jan. 1. To amount of taxes uncol- lected . . .	\$6,164.57	
To amount of interest collected . . .	249.07	
Dec. 31. By cash paid town treas- urer		\$5,609.19
By assessors' orders, abate- ments, etc.		493.48
By error in tax added . . .		13.81
By amount of taxes re- maining unpaid for 1894		297.16
	\$6,413.64	\$6,413.64

FOR THE YEAR 1895.

1895.	
Sept. 1. To amount of taxes as com- mitted by the assessors for the year 1895 . . .	\$67,296.00
To interest collected . . .	49.60

1895.

Dec. 31.	By cash paid town treasurer	\$58,279.25
	By amount of taxes remaining unpaid for 1895	9,066.35
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		\$67,345.60 \$67,345.60

The following taxes have been committed to me by the selectmen for collection, they having been previously committed to the late Charles T. Thatcher, former collector, and I shall proceed at once to a prompt collection of the same in accordance with the terms of commitment :

Amount remaining unpaid for the year 1887	.	\$60.50
“ “ “ “ “ 1888	.	58.12
“ “ “ “ “ 1889	.	154.32
“ “ “ “ “ 1890	.	175.05
“ “ “ “ “ 1891	.	399.65
“ “ “ “ “ 1892	.	500.83
“ “ “ “ “ 1893	.	1,190.57
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		\$2,546.54

A. M. BEARSE,

Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

For the Year 1895.

A. M. Bearse, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Middleborough.

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To cash receipts as follows :

Cash on hand January 1, 1895	.	.	.	\$8,995.09
From State Treasurer, for corporation tax	.	.	.	\$4,942.08
State Treasurer, for national bank tax	.	.	.	2,229.63
State Treasurer, for State aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1889	.	.	.	3,912.00
State Treasurer, for State highway	.	.	.	8,377.58
State Treasurer, for support of poor	.	.	.	4.00
County Treasurer, for assistance to build Grove street	.	.	.	1,000.00
County Treasurer, for dog licenses, 1894	.	.	.	812.30
Middleborough Savings Bank, loan for per- manent improvement	.	.	.	5,000.00
Middleborough Savings Bank, loan for gas and electric plant	.	.	.	5,000.00
Middleborough Savings Bank, temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	.	.	.	15,000.00
Middleborough Savings Bank, interest on trust fund for cemetery lot of Roswell Waldron and Benjamin Barrows	.	.	.	10.74

Middleborough National Bank, temporary loans in anticipation of taxes . . .	25,000.00
Middleborough National Bank, interest .	169.01
Ichabod F. Atwood, as trust fund for cemetery lot of Sylvester F. Cobb's estate .	50.00
William L. Chipman, clerk of Fourth District Court, for fines	379.00
Town House Committee	472.44
School Committee, for Town of Lakeville	222.00
School Committee, unexpended balance on repairs of schoolhouse	23.01
George L. Soule, for herring privilege .	275.00
John N. Main, manager, receipts from gas and electric plant	9,020.95
Town of Wareham, for soldiers' relief aid furnished	10.60
City of New Bedford, for soldiers' relief aid furnished	99.79
Isaac M. Foye, for soldiers' relief aid furnished	4.00
Town of Bridgewater, on acct. of highway	48.23
City of Taunton, " "	183.00
Samuel N. Shiverick, " "	71.31
John Crowe, " "	96.60
Joseph E. Beals, superintendent, on acct. of highway	19.67
Charles F. Cornish, for auctioneer's license	2.00
Leonidas Deane, " "	2.00
James Cole, " "	2.00

Everett T. Lincoln, for auctioneer's license	2.00
Benjamin W. Bump, " "	2.00
Washburn's Circus, license . . .	12.00
Patrick J. Clark, peddler's license . .	12.00
Lewis Ritter, Jr., peddler's license . .	12.00
Edward H. Blake, fireworks license . .	5.00
John W. Williams, " " . .	5.00
Ezra F. Chase, " " . .	5.00
George Soule, Undertaker's " . .	5.00
Thos. W. Pierce, plumber's " . .	.50
Ansel G. Hayes, " " . .	.50
Geo. Mackintosh, " " . .	.50
J. & G. E. Doane, " " . .	.50
R. H. Ellis, " " . .	.50
Lloyd Perkins, " " . .	.50
James S. Cuzner, " " . .	.50
Alfred W. Walker, " " . .	.50
John S. Reed, slaughtering " . .	.50
Chas. J. Behlman, " " . .	.50
Chas. E. Jewell, " " . .	.50
Moses E. Gibbs, " " . .	.50
Chas. H. Shaw, " " . .	.50
Ephraim Hathaway, " " . .	.50
Thomas C. Collins, sale of map . .	.25
John McQuade, drain pipe . . .	3.85
Eugene McCarthy, " . . .	2.80
Sprague S. Stetson, " . . .	5.74
Albert H. Clark, " . . .	1.96
Jeremiah Lynch, for concreting . .	13.60

P. H. Peirce estate, concreting	.	.	84.90
Eugene McCarthy,	“	.	13.50
John McQuade,	“	.	12.20
L. E. Thomas,	“	.	17.00
Sylvanus Barrows est.,	“	.	15.93
Sylvanus Barrows est.,	“	.	21.25
Reland Barrows est.,	“	.	17.60
John C. Robinson,	“	.	16.84
Charles H. Carpenter,	“	.	17.60
Charles T. Thatcher,	“	.	16.50
Albert H. Clark,	“	.	14.34
S. S. Bourne,	“	.	20.00
A. A. Harding,	“	.	15.00
C. H. Leonard,	“	.	14.80
Joseph B. Simmons,	“	.	17.00
Bradford Harlow, for sewer permit	.	.	25.00
W. Osgood Eddy,	“	.	25.00
Middleboro'gh Sav'gs Bk.,	“	.	100.00
Alvin Pease,	“	.	100.00
Otis Leach,	“	.	50.00
H. S. B. Smith estate,	“	.	25.00
L. H. Houghton,	“	.	25.00
W. M. Haskins,	“	.	25.00
Edward Washburn,	“	.	25.00
David R. Clark,	“	.	25.00
Hiram Whittemore,	“	.	25.00
George T. Putnam,	“	.	25.00
Calvin D. Kingman,	“	.	25.00
Elmer B. Cole,	“	.	25.00

J. A. Sparrow, for sewer permit	. .	25.00
C. W. Maxim,	“ . .	25.00
Andrew Alden,	“ . .	25.00
John B. LeBaron,	“ . .	25.00
City of Taunton, on account of herring	.	10.00
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		\$92,478.69
From A. M. Bearnse, collector of taxes, for 1894,		5,609.19
A. M. Bearnse, collector of taxes, for 1895,		58,279.25
Charles T. Thatcher, ex-collector of taxes,		3,911.46
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		\$160,278.59

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By cash paid as follows :

To State Treasurer, for State tax	. . .	\$2,550.00
State Treasurer, National Bank tax	. . .	132.59
County Treasurer, County tax	. . .	5,650.80
Joseph E. Beals, Treas., for public library, dog licenses, 1894	. . . . .	812.30
Joseph E. Beals, Treas., for public library, other licenses	. . . . .	51.00
Alvin C. Howes, for E. W. Pierce Post No. 8, Memorial day	. . . . .	200.00
Calvin D. Kingman, suppression of crime	.	147.75
Mrs. Augusta Doty, for interest on cemetery lot trust fund of Roswell Waldron and Benjamin Barrows	. . . . .	10.74
Middleborough Savings Bank, in trust for Sylves- ter F. Cobb estate to keep cemetery lot in good order	. . . . .	50.00

Middleborough Savings Bank, note due for school-house loan	5,000.00
Middleborough Savings Bank, notes due for temporary loans	20,000.00
Middleborough National Bank, notes due for temporary loans	15,000.00
Interest on town notes, bonds, etc.	4,709.93
Interest on gas and electric plant	3,060.00
Municipal Light Loan Sinking Fund, Bond No. 2	1,000.00
Gas and electric light commissioners' orders .	22,324.68
School committee's services	150.00
School committee's orders	22,615.57
Overseers of the poor orders, support of poor .	4,866.48
Overseers of the poor orders, support of insane	1,952.70
W. L. Chipman, clerk of Fourth District Court, orders, for officers' fees	258.18
Board of health orders	613.50
Selectmen's orders, for State aid	3,680 00
“ “ for military aid, Acts of 1890, chap. 447	832.00
“ “ for soldiers' relief aid	932.45
“ “ for concrete walks	886.88
“ “ for highways	13,851.83
“ “ for State highways	9,520.59
“ “ for Water street bridge	373.63
“ “ for sewers	109.44
“ “ for water	1,500.00
“ “ for police and night watch	884.00
“ “ for town hall	783.13

Selectmen's orders, for town officers	.	.	2,992.22
“ “ on account of herrings	.		171.95
“ “ for incidentals	.	.	2,440.78
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			\$150,115.12
Cash on hand	.	.	10,163.47
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			\$160,278.59

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT LOAN SINKING FUND.

1895.		Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 28.	To cash received from town treasurer . . .	\$1,000.00	
Oct. 29.	By cash paid Brewster, Cobb & Esterbrook, municipal light bond No. 2 . . .		\$1,000.00
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		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

A. M. BEARSE,
Treas. Municipal Light Loan Sinking Fund.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

Upon suggestion of Amos H. Eaton, Auditor, it has been thought best that the Town Treasurer shall annually make a report to the town of all trust funds which are under his care. Not only is this right but in a matter so important, and yet so liable to be forgotten or overlooked in the future as is the

“Cemetery Lot Trust Fund,” it seems almost necessary that the condition of this fund be kept on perpetual record and before the town.

Dec. 31, 1895.

The Treasurer has on deposit in the Middleborough Savings Bank the following sums “to be held in trust forever”:

	Deposit.	Interest.
For estate Benjamin P. Wood	\$100.00	\$10.52
Estate Jared Pratt	150.00	6.58
Estate Thomas Wood	100.00	21.76
Estate Priscilla Wood	50.00	7.02
Estate William L. Dean	100.00	19.46
Estate Jerusha B. & Ivory H. Thompson	100.00	13.24
Estate P. B. Holmes	100.00	4.04
Estate Sophronia L. Reed	50.00	4.12
Estate Sylvester F. Cobb	50.00	
Joshua M. Eddy lot	100.00	4.04
Calvin D. Kingman lot	100.00	7.18
Richard Cox lot	25.00	3.37
Edmund Thompson lot	50.00	1.48
Roswell Waldron and Benjamin Barrows lot	150.00	
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	\$1,225.00	\$102.81

AUGUSTUS M. BEARSE,

Treasurer Town of Middleborough.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS., Feb. 14, 1896.

I have examined the accounts of the officers and committees of the town for the year 1895, and find them to be correct and properly vouched for.

AMOS H. EATON,

Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the Year 1895.

MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Jan 15	Michael Collins	Middleboro	Frederica Torkelson	Middleboro
Feb 5	Fred'k R Hayward	Brockton	Nellie F Lovell	"
Mar 10	Benjamin I Haskins	Middleboro	Alice M Wilbur	Taunton
31	Frederick E Braley	Sandwich	Phebe Ann Haskell	Middleboro
Apr 7	Alban R Leonard	Raynham	Emma K Hammond	Raynham
16	Frank L Harvey	Middleboro	Lillie Hunt	Middleboro
24	John A Caswell	"	Myrta E Tinkham	"
25	George W Dunham	"	Judith Frances Keith	"
May 8	Charles E Gardner	"	Lizzie W Brownell	Taunton
13	Edward Sanford	"	Nora Welch	Middleboro
18	William W Bennett	"	Ellen E Lewis	E Weym'th
June 5	Lewis A McArt	Worcester	Lillian B Hysler	Middleboro
5	Edwin F Jefferson	Middleboro	Jennie Williamson	"
5	Wallace E Reed	Taunton	Annie L Fuller	"
11	John Romankamp	Boston	Marie Madson	"
25	Harry A Stone	"	Annie Jennings	Boston
29	Frederick Elliott	Middleboro	Ruth D Merrihew	Middleboro
July 1	Louis Richter	"	Bertha Cunningham	"
2	Theo A Richmond	"	Emma Louise Pratt	"
18	Willard O Clark	"	Edna M Dixon	"
30	Harrison E Cushing	Taunton	Caroline L Aldrich	"
Aug 1	Fred E Winter	Middleboro	Helena W Winter	"
5	Herbert T Carver	"	Addie M Stone	"
19	Redmond Driscoll	Randolph	Mrs Ann Miller	"
28	William F Atwood	Middleboro	Jennie D McIntosh	"
Sep 17	Isaac Clinton Harlow	"	Bessie B Beach	"
18	John K Smith	New Bedf'd	Mrs E Cassingham	"
19	Nathan W Pratt	Middleboro	Mrs Har't A Tucker	Brockton
25	Harry E Staples	"	Emma H Pettigrew	Haverhill
29	Elihu B Morse	"	Ida M Spooner	New Bedf'd
Oct 1	Truman E Niles	"	Mrs Lucy A T Coffin	Middleboro
1	Addison E Taylor	Gardner	Fannie T Litchfield	"
16	Fred P Gill	Orleans	Bertha F Sears	"
19	George F Tripp	Middleboro	Alice M Bailey	"
19	Harry L Clark	"	Hannah C Thomas	"
21	William A Richards	"	Maggie Plunkett	"
23	William H Wilde	"	Mary M Wilde	"
29	Frank S Peirce	Lakeville	Annie J Jennings	Lakeville
30	Marcus M Holloway	Middleboro	Alfrida M E Erickson	Middleboro
30	Fred S Smith	"	May Alden	"

MARRIAGES — *Continued.*

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Nov 5	Michael M Barrett	Middleboro	Maggie A Barry	Middleboro
9	Sheldon Benson	Bridgewater	Mrs Claribel Ellis	Bridgewater
11	Wallace T Chace	Middleboro	Eva F DeMoranville	Freetown
18	Patrick J Cavanagh	"	Mary E Boehme	Middleboro
20	Otis M Jefferson	"	Etta A Surrey	"
20	Nath'l S Cushing Jr	"	Ruth A Lea	Dighton
27	Wm Frank Holmes	"	Hattie L Wing	E Bridgew'r
27	J Fred'k Padelford	Bridgewater	Florence Robinson	Gloucester
28	Lester H Wilbur	Raynham	Rebecca C Welden	Middleboro
28	Benjamin B Briggs	Boston	Hannah A Frank	"
28	Thos J Fitzgibbons	Taunton	Julia E Sheehan	"
Dec 4	George D Alden	Middleboro	Helen D Alger	Bridgewater
24	Albert Nelson Sears	"	Annie Maria Roeder	Middleboro
25	Frank R Chadwick	"	Carrie M Reed	"
25	John K Hammond	"	Mary S Spear	Plymouth
30	John Farrell	Raynham	Lizzie Welch	Middleboro

BIRTHS RECORDED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN THE YEAR 1895.

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Maiden Name
Jan 3	Francis E Baker	Michael J and Alice J	Hurley
5	Elsie Cather'e Fenno	Franklin P and Lydia F	Caswell
7	Joseph Figerio	Joseph and Marie	August
8	Anne Parker Arnold	John P and Ellinor	Carr
9	John Webster Lamb	James B and Harriet	Vaughan
11	Marie Silva Gulart	Antone and Francesca	Silva
11	James Sullivan	Timothy and Margaret	Sullivan
14	Ethel Eliz Fagerberg	John A and Olivia	Ericson
24	Sarah Lydia Tripp	Herbert H and Annie M	Sawyer
29	Olive Nettie Conway	William A and Jennie L	Aldrich
Feb 5	George Edmund Hall	Edward F and Louisa	Morrison
11	Bernice S Moody	Thomas D and Ella F	Sampson
11	Const'e A Farrington	Leon B and Rosa F	Shaw
12	Lester Simmons	Hiram B and Lillian	Peterson
12	Clifton Simmons	" "	"
17	Norman G Eaton	Albert H and Eva G	Gardiner
21	Alice F Whitcomb	William H and Clara M	Wright
23	Willard M Shaw	Willard H and Alberta F	Perry
Mar 5	Flora G Porter	Henry G and Delia I	Tinkham
6	Basil Sawyer Warren	Egbert V and Edna M	Sawyer
7	Lillian Gertrude Burt	William T and Emily A	Westgate
10	Garrett Edw Whittey	Edward F and Maria M	Hallison
19	Gladys Ashley Lovell	Warren E and Henrietta	Ashley
26	Florence L Tinkham	G Fred and Lorana	Thomas
27	Jacob Paul	John and Annie	Schauffele
28	Nellie Eliz Phinney	Ashley F and Inez	Jackson
31	Earl L Williamson	Ernest E and Lizzie M	Atwood
Apr 5	Alfred Ficket	Robert and Emma	Rudolph
6	Abraham Greene	Harris and Mary Greene	
7	Wm Chace Dempsey	William H and Alice M	Finney
15	Horace Galen Griffith	Arthur B and Lillian B	Coombs
16	— Lynch	John and Maggie	Crowley
26	Howard Pierce Davis	William F and Clara	
27	Myles Standish 3d	Myles Jr and Fannie E	Tribou
27	Russell D Jacoby	Asher J and Maydelle D	Drake
May 2	Sherman E Smith	Henry D and Eliza	Francis
10	Roger V Anderson	Nicholas and Huldah	Bulland
14	May S McManus	Bernard E and Susan	Sampson
26	Martha A Tinkham	Charles W and Sarah	Standish
28	Leroy Shaw Dunham	Elbridge F and Abbie E	Shaw
June 1	Charles Krauss	Paul and Fredericka	Ditmith
1	Nellie May Buckman	Amos S and Florence E	Osgood
2	Gladys Eliz Shaw	Charles A and Ella T	Kilbrith
8	Mary Ellen Haskins	George and Mabel May	Harlow
11	Harold F Dunham	Curtis H and Florence M	Pearce
14	Flora May Stone	Frank P and Hannah T	Carver
15	Everett Otto Drake	Wilson and Ellen A	Van Dorn
16		Horace Ward and M Alice	Ellis
18	Annie H Whittemore	Hiram and Nellie F	Huckins
18	Josiah E Magoon	Josiah E and Ida L	Baker

BIRTHS—*Continued.*

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Maiden Name
J'ne 20	May Agnes Pearce	Thomas G and Tennessee	Gilford
21	William C Ashley Jr	William C and Lizzie	McNeill
24	John C Caswell	Alton F and Adelaide P	Morse
July 1	Edna Clara Chace	Ezra F and Clara A	Robbins
8	Louise Burgna	Fretinnado and Marie	Dunlpree
11	Marie Bontine	Adelarde and Octavia	Gregure
13	Timothy R Hallison	Timothy and Ellen	Macaffrey
16	Albert F Chapman	David H and Carrie F	Stickney
23	Anton'lo Pasquarello	Domineo and Marie	Capella
24	Maria Crelia Russell	James H and Mary A	Crossen
25	Edith B Gammons	Morton L and Stella R	Bradley
30	Priscilla May Gilson	William L and Bertha W	Robinson
Aug 1	Gladys L Dunham	Albert E and Alice S	Easterbrook
6	Clifton A McCrillis	Walter C and Minnie M	Southworth
9	— Pittsley	Harry and Emma	Haywood
10	Marion Kath'e Kuhn	Victor and Amy E	Crosby
12	Cora Phillips	E Ehner and Lydia F	Gibbs
12	Flora Phillips	" "	"
13	Antone DeRosa	Manuel and Erna	Marran
13	— —	Harrison D and Minnie F	King
17	Earl Otto Rudolph	Louie and Mary	Morris
20	Marjorie Shaw	Arthur E and Florence G	Thatcher
20	Bertha F Wetherbee	Fred A and Sarah C	Loud
21	Edward Wm Kraus	Charles M and Henrietta	Halch
22	Arthur Lewis Harvey	Frank L and Lillian N	Hunt
23	— Kelley	E Joseph and Clara S	Dotey
23	Alden G Vaughan	Albert H and Laura G	Stickney
24	Ann'te A Bettancourt	Mariano and Annie E	Parry
26	Beatrice Cobb	J William and Sarah L	Chapman
30	W Ahraiase LaCroix	Ahraiase and Euphemia	Buchard
Sept 4	— Caanon	Philip and Charlotte	Maxim
4	John Edw Maddigan	John and Anna	Forthorp
8	Austen Lucas Beals	Walter L and Ella M	Lucas
10	— Constance	Henry and Aurella	Carbou
12	— Keith	Eugene J and Alice S	Tripp
14	Emily Augusta Hall	Fred P and Emily A	Hunt
17	Josiah L Thomas	Abram L and Joanna	Berry
19	Ralph O Nickerson	William W and Emma E	Perkins
19	— Harlow	Minot A and Mary A	Ellis
26	Ernest H McCarty	James and Mary	Crowley
27	— Gilford	Samuel W and Ella L	Lowe
30	Myron W Baxter	Myron W and Eugenia	Richter
Oct 4	Harold T Mason	Mark W and Eva M	Cummings
10	Everett F Boucher	William and Annie	Higgins
23	— —	Charles O and Olivia	Forsberg
27	Bessie C Griswold	Fred H and Isabella J	Elliott
Nov 2	John Jackson Martin	Frederick D and Florence V	Coleman
11	— Thomas	Ruel A and Augusta	Caswell
20	Leon Sanford Millard	Cornelius S and Lucretia	Kilton
23	Marion M Shaw	Alfred A and Lucy	Mathewson

BIRTHS—*Concluded.*

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Maiden Name
Nov 24	Leon Verdell Alden	J Edward and Nellie C	Paine
26	Nina Wil'ms Gallond	Arthur M and Agnes Y	Weir
27	Jos Franklin Casey	Joseph D and Mary N	Potter
29	— Gay	Charles F and Olive	Benner
Dec 1	Annie L Thompson	George H and Nellie	Farrar
2	Roy Perkins	Josiah A and Edith M	Chandler
3	Agnes M Vickery	Seth L and Amy C	Ryder
4	— —	George and Cynthia Gorham	
11	Ilena M Thompson	John and Julia	Goddard
18	— Posselt	Emile and Ida	Pierce
23	John Edwd Richards	William A and Maggie	Plunkett

DEATHS RECORDED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN THE YEAR 1895.

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
Jan	3 Thomas M LeBaron	84	4		Old age
	4 Nancy Frisbie	68	6	15	Pneumonia
	5 Laurretta A Darling	85	5	7	Stoppage
	5 Catherine May Paul	3	7	12	Membranous croup
	7 Hosea W Aldrich	44	8	14	Hip and heart disease
	11 Henry F Pope	52	6		Consumption
	18 Ezra C Brett	64	10	17	Typhoid pneumonia
	18 Alice W Lovell	20	4	18	Consumption
	24 John W Flansburg	64	8		Accident
	Feb 1 Walter Hawkins	7	5	5	Scarlet fever
Feb	3 Jane Ellen Cobb	87	3	16	Old age
	4 Ellen A Burgess	58	4	29	Bed sore and exhaust'n
	15 Solomon White	75	3	6	Phthisis
	16 Elizabeth F Hinckley	34			La grippe
	16 Francelia Pratt	61	7		Heart disease
	18 Mary A Cuzner	46	6	10	Typhoid pneumonia
	23 Martin E Holmes	64			Chronic bronchitis
	23 Elizabeth Richmond	69	7	5	Heart disease
	24 Christy Francis Parry De Carlo		6	4	Brain trouble
	25 Melissa Jane Peirce	54		13	Pneumonia
	27 Elmer Wilson Carver	24	4	16	Nervous debility
	27 Ellen Kenney	77	2		Old age
	28 Andrew J Gardner	66	7		Apoplexy
	Mar 1 Leola L LeBaron	1	10	22	Malignant diphtheria
	2 Harriet Jane Eddy	68	9		Heart disease
	2 George Henry Walker	62	3	21	Tuberculosis of lungs, liver and stomach
	3 Charles W Wood	80	8	3	Old age & heart failure
Apr	5 Betsey A Cushman	73	4	23	Creeping paralysis
	6 Maude Brackett	12			Injury
	8 Sarah C Vaughan	82	6	21	Cerebral effusion
	9 Lorenzo Tinkham	80	11	21	Rheumatism
	13 Elizabeth R Gleason	50	4	9	Pneumonia & h't fail'e
	14 George W Tillson	50			Morphine poison, probably accidental
	17 Anna Winslow	94	9	14	Old age
	31 Lydia M Mitchell	88	6	5	Shock
	3 Austin Adelbert Ford	56	5		Chronic pneumonia
	7 Esther L Pratt	21	9	24	Scrofulosis
May	19 Mary Murphy	67			Shock [ease
	29 Eva Moulton	52	3	14	Influenza and heart dis-
	4 Arthur Endicott Newton			1	
	13 Charles Atwood	55			Phthisis
	15 Martha Reed	83			Old age
	17 Thomas A Johnson	1			Meningitis
	21 Anna Rich	70	1	12	Heart disease

DEATHS — *Continued.*

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
M'y 25	Mary A Wrightington	75	11	16	Heart disease
25	Emma Cushing	20	11	20	Consumption
31	Adeline H Bly	80	3	11	Senile apoplexy
June 4	Laura Ann Atwood	20	7	21	Septicaemia
8	Otis Leach	76	2	20	Consumption
11	Irene F Wells	58			Cancer uteri
11	Hugh M Sinclair	22	5		Appendicitis (suppura-
16	Huldah P Bump	84	6	2	Heart disease tive)
20	Beulah A Cole	70	9		
24	Charles Tinkham	73	9	7	Diabetes
J'ly 11	Joe Wing	14			Heart disease
12	Hannah T M Cushman	81	1		Inanition
28	George L Tillson	66	4	1	Heart disease
Aug 5	Nancy Shaw	74	9	10	Apoplexy
15	Susan W Snow	78	2	16	Organic heart disease
19	Daisy E Wynn	17	8	14	Phthisis
19	Clifton Simmons		6	7	Cholera infantum
24	Arabella Penniman	39	7	24	Dysentery
25	Flora G Phillips			11	Premature birth
27	Annah Whittemore		2	10	Cholera infantum
28	Harry E Conant	30	5	28	Typhoid fever
Sept 1	William C Dempsey		4		Cholera infantum
4	John Lewis Tobey	43	4	23	Locomotor ataxia
12	Lillian Gertrude Burt		6		Enterocolitis
20	Mary A Harlow	16	7		Puerperal eclampsia
21	Mary Ann McFarland	40	9		Phthisis pulmonalis
Oct 5	Hannah W Clark	80	8		Diarrhoea
13	Hannah C Darrow	78	11	27	Rheumatoid arthritis
17	William W Westgate	63			Phthisis
17	Mary Silva Golante		9	6	Pneumonia
19	Mary Corin Boyer		4	4	Cholera infantum
19	Daniel O'Keefe	49			Accidental suffocation and burning
20	Sarah Jane Walley	70	6	6	Heart disease
25	Flora Aurilla Wentworth	15	3	9	Congestion of brain
27	Harriet D Merrick	56	2	28	Phthisis
31	Justin Andrews	74	7	9	Heart disease
Nov 4	George William Young		2	10	Pneumonia
11	Maria A Pratt	55	5	9	Malignant peritonitis
15	Aaron Berry	67	6	13	Insanity
15	James J Wright	35			Cirrhosis of liver
18	Lauretta W Burgess	34	6	9	Phthisis pulmonalis
18	Charles T Thatcher	74	1	6	Angina pectoris
22	Annie M Perkins	57		2	Diabetes and gangrene
23	Daniel F. Wood	69	8	23	Chronic nephritis
Dec 7	Alice W Washburn	29	6	12	Suicide by poisoning

DEATHS—*Concluded.*

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
Dec 10	John Dick	60			Cancer of throat
12	Arthur B Alden	46	7	24	Suicide by shooting
13	Jethro Brown	88	11	19	Basilar congestion
15	Roxalenna Aldrich	78	11	1	Bright's disease, etc
18	Naomi Eaton	86	8	18	Shock
22	George W Williams	63			Diabetes
23	Joanna C Butman	61	10	23	Cerebral hemorrhage
24	Daniel Grinnell	65			Shock and injuries, rail- road accident
28	Leslie Russell Brett		3	9	Accidental suffocation
30	Sarah E Shaw	58			Secondary coriann of
31	Abner W Snow Jr	46	1	14	Typhoid fever [lungs

SUMMARY.

Following are the statistics of marriages, births and deaths recorded in Middleborough for the year 1895 :

MARRIAGES.

Number of Marriages recorded	.	.	.	.	.	56
Oldest groom	.	68	Oldest bride	.	.	67
Youngest groom	.	19	Youngest bride	.	.	17
First marriage of 99 persons	Males	49	Females	49		
Second marriage of 12 persons	Males	6	Females	7		
Third marriage of 1 person	Male	1				

112 56 couples

BIRTHS.

Number of Births recorded	.	.	.	.	.	116
Males	.	.	.	61	Females	55

DEATHS.

Number of deaths recorded	.	.	.	.	.	101
Males	.	.	.	44	Females	57
Stillborn	.	.	.	1	Under 1 year	10
Between 1 and 5 years	3	Between 40 and 50 years	7			
Between 5 and 10 years	2	Between 50 and 60 years	13			
Between 10 and 20 years	5	Between 60 and 70 years	18			
Between 20 and 30 years	7	Between 70 and 80 years	15			
Between 30 and 40 years	5	Between 80 and 90 years	14			
Between 90 and 100 years	1					

DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed in 1895	.	.	486
. Males . . . 458	Females	.	28

AUGUSTUS M. BEARSE,

Town Clerk.

VOTE OF MIDDLEBOROUGH,

NOVEMBER 5, 1895.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
WHOLE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST . . .	52	758	810

For Governor.

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton had . . .	2	33	35
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell . . .	41	498	539
Edward Kendall of Cambridge . . .	1	67	68
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke . . .		3	3
George Fred Williams of Dedham . . .	5	141	146
Elijah A. Morse of Canton . . .		1	1
Blanks	1	12	13

Lieutenant-Governor.

Thomas C. Buddington of Springfield had . . .	1	31	32
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield . . .	6	138	144
Patrick F. O'Neil of Boston . . .		5	5
Edward S. Rogers of Lee . . .	2	63	65
Roger Wolcott of Boston . . .	42	495	537
R. B. Simonds		1	1
Blanks	1	25	26

Secretary of State.

Edward J. Flynn of Boston had . . .	6	128	134
Joseph F. Maloney of Lynn . . .		2	2
Charles D. Nash of Whitman . . .	2	30	32

William M. Olin of Boston	.	.	.	41	493	534
Willard O. Wylie of Essex	.	.	.	1	57	58
Blanks	.	.	.	2	48	50

Treasurer and Receiver General.

Martin W. Moran of Boston had	.	.	1	29	30
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport	.	.	40	495	535
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley	.	.	5	138	143
Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn	.	.		3	3
Blanks	.	.	4	42	46

Auditor.

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had	.	.	39	481	520
Frederick A. Nagler of West Springfield	.		1	3	4
Andrew H. Patten of Danvers	.	.	2	25	27
Herman T. Regnell of Attleboro	.	.	1	53	54
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston	.	.	6	142	148
Blanks	.	.	3	54	57

Attorney General.

Frank M. Forbush of Natick had	.	.	3	58	61
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn	.	.	5	136	141
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford	.		41	483	524
Squire E. Putney of Somerville	.	.		3	3
Conrad Reno of Boston	.	.	1	23	24
D. D. Sullivan	.	.		1	1
Blanks	.	.	2	54	56

Councilor.

George H. Palmer of Fairhaven had	.	.	6	156	162
Nathaniel F. Ryder of Middleborough	.		43	517	560

Asa F. Crosby, Jr.	1	1
Blanks	3	84 87

Senator.

Elbridge Cushman of Lakeville had . .	8	159	167
Noble W. Everett of Wareham . .	40	500	540
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton . . .	1	32	33
Calvin D. Kingman	2	2	
Blanks	3	65	68

Representative in General Court.

Samuel S. Bourne of Middleborough had .	44	537	581
Walter M. Snow of Middleborough . .		22	22
Walter Snow “ “ . .	1	2	3
Henry J. Roberts “ “ . .		13	13
Jesse B. Ryder “ “ . .		5	5
Jesse Ryder “ “ . .		1	1
Charles W. Turner “ “ . .		3	3
Calvin D. Kingman “ “ . .		2	2
D. D. Sullivan “ “ . .		1	1
William Holloway “ “ . .		1	1
Joseph Carver “ “ . .		1	1
William B. Soule “ “ . .		1	1
John B. LeBaron “ “ . .		1	1
Charles H. Carpenter “ “ . .		1	1
Blanks	7	167	174

District Attorney.

Robert O. Harris of East Bridgewater had	41	519	560
Hosea Kingman	1	1	1

Henry J. Roberts	.	.	.	.	.	2	2
Dennis D. Sullivan	.	.	.	.	.	2	2
Foster Wood	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
T. C. Collins	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
R. B. Simonds	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
Blanks	.	.	.	.	.	11	231 242

County Commissioner.

Walter H. Faunce of Kingston had	.	.	43	510	553
George F. Wing of Wareham	.	.	6	152	158
Blanks	.	.	3	96	99

Special County Commissioner.

Thomas Alden of Duxbury had	.	.	5	144	149
John J. Ford of Scituate	.	.	4	117	121
Andrew J. Pickens of Middleborough	.		39	490	529
Albert T. Sprague of Marshfield	.	.	23	341	364
Warren B. Stetson	.	.		1	1
Chester E. Weston	.	.		1	1
Blanks	.	.	33	422	455

Sheriff.

John W. Baxendale of Brockton had	.	7	141	148
Alpheus K. Harmon of Plymouth	.	42	521	563
Thomas McDonald	.	.	1	1
Blanks	.	.	3	95 98

Woman Suffrage.

Yes.	Men's votes	11	252	263
	Women's votes	3	37	40
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	Total Yes	14	289	303

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
Town of Middleborough, Mass.

For 1895.



MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.:
MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE OFFICE.
1896.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Organization, 1895=96.

ADELINE V. WOOD, Chairman.

ASHER J. JACOBY, Secretary.

MEMBERS.

ADELINE V. WOOD,	-	-	-	-	-	Term expires, 1896.
AUGUSTUS PRATT,	-	-	-	-	-	“ “ 1896.
EBENEZER PICKENS,	-	-	-	-	-	“ “ 1897.
ANNIE D. DEANE,	-	-	-	-	-	“ “ 1897.
JAMES M. COOMBS,	-	-	-	-	-	“ “ 1898.
JOANNA T. LEONARD,	-	-	-	-	-	“ “ 1898.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Teachers :—Mrs. LEONARD, and Messrs. COOMBS and PICKENS.

Text Books and Supplies :—Mrs. DEANE, and Messrs. PRATT and COOMBS.

High, Main Street, and West Side Schools :—Mr. COOMBS.

School Street, Thomastown, and Wappanucket Schools :—Mrs. LEONARD.

Union Street and Fall Brook Schools :—Mr. PICKENS.

Pleasant Street and Plymouth Street Schools :—Mr. PRATT.

Thompsonville, Soule, and Waterville Schools :—Mrs. DEANE.

Green, Nemasket, and Purchade Schools :—Mrs. WOOD.

South Middleboro, Highland, and Rock Schools :—ASHER J. JACOBY.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

ASHER J. JACOBY.

Office, Room 7, Town Hall.

Office Hours, school days : Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 4 to 5 P. M. ;
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 9 A. M.

The regular meetings of the Committee are held in Room 7, Town Hall, on the first Thursday of each month, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

All bills against the School Department should be sent to the Secretary's office, Room 7, Town Hall, not later than the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday of each month.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Middleborough:

The School Committee respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895. The following is the financial statement for the year:—

GENERAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$21,000.00
Lumber	8.37
Tuition from non-resident pupils	222.00
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	\$21,230.37

EXPENDITURES.

Instruction, janitors' salaries, and fuel	\$14,750.77
Superintendent's salary	1,500.00
Text-books and supplies	1,674.16
Incidentals	2,899.03
Transportation to High School	438.74
Transportation to Elementary Schools	1,338.25
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	\$22,600.95

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.

INSTRUCTION.

Central Schools:

High	\$3,180.00
Main Street	2,207.00

Union Street	.	.	.	.	1,182.50	
School Street	.	.	.	.	1,314.00	
West Side	.	.	.	.	833.00	
					<hr/>	\$8,716.50

Suburban Schools :

Pleasant Street	.	.	.	.	\$285.00	
Plymouth Street	.	.	.	.	304.00	
Purchade	.	.	.	.	380.00	
Nemasket	.	.	.	.	319.00	
Thompsonville	.	.	.	.	195.50	
Soule	.	.	.	.	304.00	
Waterville	.	.	.	.	315.50	
Green	.	.	.	.	330.50	
Fall Brook	.	.	.	.	323.00	
Thomastown	.	.	.	.	266.00	
South Middleboro	.	.	.	.	290.00	
Highland	.	.	.	.	304.00	
Rock	.	.	.	.	311.50	
Wappanucket	.	.	.	.	266.00	
					<hr/>	\$4,194.00

NOTE—Thompsonville School was not in session during the fall term.

JANITORS.

Central Schools	\$858.00	
Suburban Schools	117.25	
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FUEL.

Central Schools :

George F. Bryant	\$644.70	
H. K. Ellis	22.52	
G. H. Simmons	1.25	
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Suburban Schools :

Augustus Pratt	\$25.25
E. H. Shaw	20.75
O. E. Deane	18.25
Henry L. Thomas	16.00
C. N. Atwood	9.35
J. H. Vaughan	18.15
T. C. Savery	16.50
Jared Pratt	6.00
J. A. Thomas	27.00
R. J. Nourse, Jr. . . .	1.00
J. E. Cushman	15.00
Annie M. Flansburg	11.00
George E. Holmes	5.75
A. H. Soule	6.55
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	\$196.55

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Edward E. Babb & Co. . . .	\$177.70
H. L. Thatcher & Co. . . .	23.85
J. L. Hammett	60.28
J. B. Lippincott Company	92.71
Thompson, Brown & Co. . . .	81.04
D. C. Heath & Co. . . .	76.97
Allyn & Bacon	6.00
Silver, Burdett & Company	405.90
University Publishing Co. . . .	16.00
Lee and Shepard	36.48
E. L. Kellogg & Co. . . .	1.03
The Holden Pat. Book Cover Co. . . .	9.75

D. Appleton & Co. . . .	5.19
E. S. Ritchie & Sons . . .	9.37
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. . .	181.02
J. G. Gray, assignee for Queen & Co.	12.54
Ginn and Company	62.39
T. H. Castor & Co.	8.37
The Prang Educational Company.	104.49
Henry Holt & Co.	53.85
American Book Company . . .	173.73
Educational Publishing Co. . .	2.00
W. D. Nickerson (N. E. manager for John E. Potter & Co.) . . .	5.50
Eagle Pencil Company	13.85
Charles Scribner's Sons . . .	10.40
Geo. F. King & Merrill	38.50
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co. . .	3.45
Thorp & Martin Company . . .	1.80
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	\$1,674.16

INCIDENTALS.

Middleboro Gas & Electric Plant .	\$12.41
New York and Boston Despatch Express Co.	25.45
A. R. Gurney	2.85
John McNally	6.22
J. T. Washburn	364.16
Lloyd Perkins	25.06
Asher J. Jacoby	105.00
Hiram Whittemore	5.25
Frank Phinney & Son	4.15

H. N. Pratt & Son	6.91
Myra L. Atwood	1.70
R. J. Nourse, Jr. . . .	4.05
Wood & Tinkham	86.75
C. H. Shaw	5.86
Middleborough Water Works .	18.00
H. Chandler	1.30
A. C. Howes	3.96
Dora T. Leonard	14.00
Jones Brothers	163.96
J. S. Cuzner	31.92
A. P. Vaughan	238.34
Frank Murray . . . .	.50
Annie D. Deane	10.50
Adeline V. Wood	7.50
Harry Wentworth	2.50
D. M. Lufkin	1.50
I. S. Preston	3.20
James A. Burgess	19.15
William F. Deane	174.00
Alex Eaton	2.00
H. L. Thatcher & Co. . . .	58.30
W. W. Lowe	34.15
Ira O. Littlejohn	11.76
A. P. Baker, for the Bobrick School	
Furniture Co. . . .	161.51
L. F. Tinkham	4.50
T. B. West	14.00
C. E. Brown	37.25

H. F. Wood	.	.	.	.	46.00
C. W. Drake	.	.	.	.	9.94
F. A. Nants	.	.	.	.	4.00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co.	.	.	.	.	316.10
E. T. Lincoln	.	.	.	.	10.00
Henry K. Ellis	.	.	.	.	3.75
Lysander W. Field	.	.	.	.	3.00
Joseph Osborne	.	.	.	.	.50
Middleborough Highway Department					71.31
M. M. Copeland	.	.	.	.	4.50
Ernest I. Perkins	.	.	.	.	1.50
Joshua Sherman	.	.	.	.	1.50
C. W. Maxim	.	.	.	.	10.62
A. G. Hayes	.	.	.	.	5.00
Thomas W. Pierce	.	.	.	.	310.43
J. & G. E. Doane	.	.	.	.	65.47
C. W. Griffin	.	.	.	.	4.41
Augustus Pratt	.	.	.	.	.60
Samuel Cabot	.	.	.	.	61.60
I. & R. Hughes	.	.	.	.	182.27
E. R. Waters	.	.	.	.	3.25
R. I. Ellis	.	.	.	.	8.90
R. E. Southworth	.	.	.	.	89.52
E. O. Parker	10.10
J. G. Ford	1.35
Steam Gage Co.	1.50
L. B. Pratt	1.25
James M. Coombs	1.04
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TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Agnes B. Jenks	\$20.00
Etta F. Shaw	13.38
Lizzie W. Wade	22.00
Clarence W. Cushman	18.45
Nellie C. Benson	13.38
George A. Deane	11.50
Helen W. Ham	33.32
Florence B. Reed	12.75
Harry E. Bump	1.48
Elmer Benson	11.08
Alton S. Freeman	10.50
Arthur S. Gibbs	18.47
Everett W. Nichols	1.42
Myron D. Place	18.47
Bertha E. Shaw	20.92
Estella J. Shaw	22.31
Annie W. Morse	9.35
Clarence E. Smith	21.76
Evie P. Southworth	18.45
E. Jennie Washburn	19.95
Lucy S. Weston	27.60
Clifford T. Westgate	22.00
Lillie M. Tinkham	18.45
Ichabod F. Atwood	7.39
Nannie G. Field	7.39
Cora Chase	7.39
Laura C. Deane	7.40
Grace E. Wood	7.40

Alva C. Dennett	7.39	
Alton G. Pratt	7.39	
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TRANSPORTATION TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A. J. Wood	\$320.25	
Louis Hoffman	83.25	
A. A. Savery	167.00	
Mrs. E. Blackwell	182.00	
J. H. Vaughan	271.50	
W. A. Shaw	29.50	
B. C. Shaw	118.00	
H. G. Porter	36.00	
John Green	42.75	
R. J. Nourse, Jr. . . .	15.00	
C. T. Morse	73.00	
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We regret that we have been unable to keep within the appropriation, but, when the number of school buildings to be kept in suitable repair is taken into consideration, we think we have not been extravagant. Our aim has been to have the rooms clean, attractive and comfortable, for that we have labored economically, but, notwithstanding, the expense has been greater than we anticipated, that of the High School alone amounting to more than seven hundred dollars.

We think it expedient to ask for an appropriation to be devoted solely to repairs, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

The demand for a new schoolhouse at Rock is imperative, the one now occupied being, in our judgment, not worth the expense required to put it in a comfortable condition. Should

it be thought best to repair it, even then it would be inadequate to the wants of the school, being too small for the comfort of those now in daily attendance.

We would recommend a building with two rooms, large enough to accommodate all the children in that vicinity, for we are convinced that in every instance when a union of schools has been effected the results have been more satisfactory than under the former arrangement.

We feel assured that all interested in the educational welfare of our young people will join with us in our efforts for their improvement—morally, intellectually and physically.

The Union Street building, to which attention has been called before, is also unfit for school purposes. It has not the requirements essential to health, comfort or convenience.

We confidently hope the town will recognize the importance of these demands and act accordingly.

We submit the following as the amount necessary to defray the expenses of the ensuing year :

Annual appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	\$21,000.00
Repairs on school buildings	.	.	.	.	.	1,000.00
Supervisor of Music	.	.	.	.	.	500.00

Having approved the report of the Superintendent, herewith transmitted, we respectfully ask your attention to the same.

ADELINE V. WOOD.
AUGUSTUS PRATT.
ANNIE D. DEANE.
EBENEZER PICKENS.
JAMES M. COOMBS.
JOANNA T. LEONARD.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee:

I respectfully present herewith to you, and through you to the people of Middleborough, my third annual report of the public schools of the town, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895. It will constitute the eleventh of the series of annual reports of the Superintendent of Schools.

The following summary of statistics will give, at the outset, some idea of the condition of the schools and the progress that has been made.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

FINANCIAL.

Assessed valuation of the town, 1895	\$3,822,086.00
Tax rate per thousand	\$16.66 $\frac{2}{3}$
Approximate value of school buildings and grounds, 1895	\$65,000.00
Approximate value of other school property	\$7,000.00
Total expenditure for the schools during the year	\$22,600.95
Percentage of assessed valuation expended for the schools	.0059
Average cost per pupil on whole enrollment	\$18.34

Average cost per pupil on average number be- longing	\$23.20
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POPULATION.

Population of the town, U. S. Census of 1890	6,090
State Census of 1895	6,692
Number of persons between the ages of five and fifteen years, May 1, 1895	957
Increase for the year	23
Number of persons between the ages of eight and fourteen years, May 1, 1895	552
Increase for the year	5

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE.

	1892	1893	1894	1895		
				Central	Subur'n	Total
Whole number of pupils enrolled,	1,072	1,090	1,201	797	436	1,233
Average number belonging,	842	853	940	662	312	974
Average daily attendance,	734	745	860	610	280	890
Percentage of daily attendance to average number belonging,	87.2	87.3	91.5	92.1	89.7	90.9
No. of half days' absence,	44,612	41,981	29,529	16,331	12,260	28,591
No. of cases of tardiness,	2,633	2,996	3,009	915	795	1,710
No. of cases of dismissal,	1,752	1,552	2,497	1,012	647	1,659
No. of cases of truancy,	20	32	23	7	5	12
No. of pupils in the High School,	134	145	159			146

NUMBER OF PUPILS IN EACH GRADE, DECEMBER, 1895.

SCHOOLS.	PRIMARY.			GRAMMAR						HIGH			
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X Fourth Class.	XI Third Class.	XII Second Class.	XIII First Class.
Central,	120	76	53	45	41	45	45	32	30	38	29	24	17
Suburban,	69	51	53	45	44	27	13	21	7				
Total,	189	127	106	90	85	72	58	53	37	38	29	24	17

D Grade, 13. C Grade, 11. B Grade, 8. A Grade, 17.

DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS IN RESPECT TO AGE.

Number of pupils between the ages of five and six years	113
Number of pupils between the ages of six and seven	123
Number of pupils between the ages of seven and eight	118
Number of pupils between the ages of eight and nine	119
Number of pupils between the ages of nine and ten	117
Number of pupils between the ages of ten and eleven	100
Number of pupils between the ages of eleven and twelve	101
Number of pupils between the ages of twelve and thirteen	106
Number of pupils between the ages of thirteen and fourteen	113
Number of pupils between the ages of fourteen and fifteen	79

Number of pupils between the ages of fifteen and sixteen	65
Number of pupils over sixteen	78

TEACHERS.

Number of teachers employed, including assist- ants, December, 1895	31
Increase for the year	1
High School: men, 1; women, 3; total	4
Grammar Schools: men, 1; women, 6; total	7
Primary Schools, women	7
Suburban Schools, women	13

II.—SCHOOLHOUSES AND SCHOOLS.

Number occupied, December, 1895	17
Number of rooms, not including recitation rooms	28
Number of recitation rooms	4
High School rooms	5
Grammar School rooms, grades IV-IX	8
Primary School rooms, grades I-III	6
Suburban School rooms, mixed grades	13
Number of houses heated by steam	1
Number of houses heated by hot air furnaces	3
Number of houses heated by stoves	13

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

The sum expended during the year for the schools was \$22,600.95, an increase of \$3,162.76 over that of the preceding year. A comparison of the amounts expended for the

several items during the year with the amounts expended for the same items during the preceding year shows the following results: Instruction, care of buildings, and fuel, an increase of \$937.90; text-books and supplies, a decrease of \$26.91; incidentals, an increase of \$1,999.98; transportation to the High School, an increase of \$86.86; and transportation to the Elementary Schools, an increase of \$265.82.

The average cost for each pupil on whole enrollment was \$18.34, and on average number belonging \$23.20, an increase of \$2.16 and \$2.53 respectively over the previous year. These figures are based on the whole amount expended for the schools. If we base the figures on the amount expended for instruction, care of buildings, fuel, and text-books and supplies, we find that the average cost for each pupil on whole enrollment was \$14.57, and on average number belonging \$18.40, an increase of 40 cents and 30 cents respectively over the year before.

The increase in the amount expended for instruction, care of buildings, and fuel was due to several causes.

In the first place, teachers' salaries in a number of cases were increased. This was done to carry out the schedule of salaries adopted two years ago, and to retain the services of competent teachers. Good teachers are so essential to good schools that the policy pursued by the Committee is the right one. A really good teacher is cheap at any price, while a poor teacher is dear at any price.

Secondly, an increase in the number of pupils required an increase in the number of teachers.

The large increase in expenditures for incidentals was due to the following necessary repairs and improvements that were made : —

1. In 1894, the State Department of Inspection of Factories and Public Buildings was requested by the School Committee, through the Selectmen, to inspect the walls of the High School building, and the heating apparatus in use therein. The Department complied with the request, and ordered that the walls be repaired and that the boiler be supplied with new tubes. This was done, and the building is now safe, and its outside appearance much more attractive.

2. About the middle of the year, a communication was received from the Board of Health, ordering that School Street and Union Street buildings be connected with the sewer. After due consideration it was decided to connect School Street building. The work was commenced and, at the close of the year, over one-half of it was completed. This involved an expenditure for which the Committee was not prepared.

3. During cold weather it had been found impossible to heat properly the rooms in Union Street building by the hot air furnace in use. To overcome this difficulty, the room on the first floor was furnished with a "Puritan Jacketed Stove," which up to the present time has proven very satisfactory. The room on the second floor is still heated by the hot air furnace.

4. The opening of an additional school in the West Side building necessitated the furnishing of another room. Single

desks and seats of the adjustable pattern were bought. All the rooms now in use in this building have adjustable furniture.

5. An important change, and one which involved some expense, was the transfer of the first and second grades from Union Street building to School Street building, and the transfer of the third, fourth and fifth grades from the latter building to the former. This change was made for a number of reasons.

In the first place, it made it possible to carry into effect the belief that the building and grounds whose conditions contributed most to the health and the comfort of the pupils should be occupied by the lowest primary grades. School Street building and grounds are superior in these respects to Union Street building and grounds. The rooms are more properly heated and ventilated, and the grounds are larger, more secluded, and better shaded.

Secondly, it made it possible to organize the first grade school into two first grade schools. Before the change, there were from eighty to one hundred first grade pupils in one large room under a principal teacher and an assistant, recitations being conducted in the main room and in a recitation room. Each teacher now has from forty to fifty pupils in a separate schoolroom. The conditions for more and better work have thus been greatly improved.

The change necessitated the reseating of the rooms. This gave an opportunity to arrange the desks and seats to much better advantage. As the old furniture had to be used the work proved to be difficult. It was finally accomplished,

and the present arrangement not only adds to the comfort of the pupils, but it also facilitates the work of the schools.

6. Repairs of some kind were made on all the school buildings. Part of the roof of School Street building was reshingled. The roof of Green building was reshingled, the inside walls repaired and painted, and a new floor laid. A new floor was also laid in the Thomastown building.

7. In each of the suburban buildings boards about a foot high were placed in front of the lower sash of the windows, about an inch distant from it. By raising the sashes to a proper height, fresh air may now be admitted to the rooms in such a way that the danger to the health of pupils from window draughts is greatly lessened.

8. New outhouses were built at Waterville and Rock. The buildings for boys and girls were placed some distance apart with a tight board fence between. The doors were supplied with locks.

9. Four of the rooms at the Center, and all of the suburban rooms were supplied with cabinets for books and supplies.

The increase in expenditure for transportation to the High School was due to the fact that the number of persons who attended the High School, and who were entitled to transportation, was larger than formerly.

The increase in the sum expended for transportation to the Elementary Schools was due to the following causes:—

1. The Committee tried to satisfy every reasonable demand for transportation.

2. Proper care was taken to employ only careful and competent drivers, the Committee not being willing to take any risks.

It has been the aim throughout the year to secure and retain good teachers, to furnish the pupils with necessary books and supplies, to make the equipment of reference books and apparatus more complete, to make the school buildings more comfortable and attractive, and to bring the schools as near to the people as possible. All expenditures were made with this constantly in view.

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.

It has been very evident for several years that a new school building was greatly needed at Rock. The old building is not only very much out of repair, but it is entirely too small for the size of the school. Anyone visiting the school will soon become convinced of this. Its system of heating, ventilation, and lighting could not be much worse. Regard for the health of the pupils alone should prompt the town to act favorably on the unanimous recommendation of the Committee for a new building, and grant an appropriation for the same.

CONSOLIDATION AND TRANSPORTATION.

Some progress was made during the year in the consolidation of the schools.

In July it was decided not to reopen the Thompsonville School and to transport the pupils to the Nemasket School. For a number of years it had been necessary to transport pupils to Thompsonville to make the school sufficiently large. All the pupils who attended this school are now transported to Nemasket, without an increase in expenditure. This not

only effects a saving of about \$340 a year, but it has increased the efficiency of the school.

While the policy of the Committee is thus committed to consolidation, it does not seem possible to consolidate all the schools at the Center, owing to the distance some of them are from this point. If this could be done, more and better results would be obtained by seven teachers than are now obtained by the thirteen teachers of the Suburban Schools, because the conditions for work would be more favorable.

It is possible, however, to consolidate in certain places, and this should be done whenever the opportunity offers itself. Since a new school building is needed at the Rock, it would be wisest to erect a two-room building, then close the Highland and Wappanucket Schools, and transport the pupils to the Rock School. This would enable us to organize the one large and the two small schools, which, at present, are in separate buildings widely apart, into two medium-sized schools in one building.

The better grading of the schools and classification of the pupils, which this would make possible, would result in more and better work with two teachers, than is now accomplished by three. The superior heating, lighting, and ventilation of a modern building, together with more attractive surroundings and a more complete equipment of school appliances, would contribute very largely to the intellectual, moral, and physical growth and development of the pupils. The expense would be about the same as under the present arrangement.

The subject of consolidation and transportation is so fully

and fairly treated by Agent A. W. Edson, in the "Fifty-eighth Annual Report of the State Board of Education," that it is given here in full, and I respectfully call your attention to the same.

"There is a decided tendency on the part of intelligent and progressive communities to close the small schools in remote districts and to transport children to the graded schools of the villages, where better classification, better grading and better teaching are the rule. This is done not so much from an economic standpoint as because of the firm conviction that the children receive greater educational advantages there than in the small ungraded schools.

"The number of children in the back districts is small, and growing less every year. With few children and small classes there can be but little enthusiasm and progress.

"The leading arguments in favor of this movement are:—

1. It permits a better grading of the schools and classification of pupils. Consolidation allows pupils to be placed where they can work to the best advantage; the various subjects of study to be wisely selected and correlated, and more time to be given to recitation.

2. It affords an opportunity for thorough work in special branches, such as drawing, music and nature study. It also allows an enrichment in other lines.

3. It opens the door to more weeks of schooling and to schools of a higher grade. The people in villages almost invariably lengthen the school year and support a high school for advanced pupils.

4. It ensures the employment and retention of better teach-

ers. Teachers in small ungraded schools are usually of limited education, training or experience, or are past the age of competition. The salaries paid in cities and villages allow a wide range in the selection of teachers.

5. It makes the work of the specialist and supervisor far more effective. Their plans and efforts can all be concentrated into something tangible.

6. It adds the stimulating influences of large classes, with the resulting enthusiasm and generous rivalry. The discipline and training obtained are invaluable.

7. It affords the broader companionship and culture that come from association with large numbers.

8. It results in a better attendance of pupils, as proved by experience in towns where the plan has been thoroughly tried.

9. It leads to better school buildings, better equipment, a larger supply of books, charts, maps and apparatus. All these naturally follow a concentration of people, wealth and effort, and aid in making good schools.

The large expenditure implied in these better appointments is wise economy, for the cost per pupil is really much less than the cost in small and widely separated schools.

10. And, again, it quickens public interest in the schools. Pride in the quality of the work done secures a greater sympathy and better fellowship throughout the town.

"These reasons for consolidating schools and concentrating effort have great force with people interested in the proper education of the coming generation. The future is likely to see increased attention given to this movement.

“There are, however, objections raised to the plan, some of them frivolous, others deserving careful attention, chief among which are :—

1. Depreciation of property ; decreased valuation of farms in districts where schools are closed.

2. Dislike to send young children to school far from home, away from the oversight of parents ; and to provide a cold lunch for them rather than a warm dinner.

3. Danger to health and morals ; children obliged to travel too far in cold and stormy weather ; obliged to walk a portion of the way to meet the team, and then ride to school in damp clothing and with wet feet ; unsuitable conveyance and uncertain drivers ; association with so many children of all classes and conditions ; lack of proper oversight during the noon hour.

4. Insufficient and unsuitable clothing ; expense to parents of properly clothing their children.

5. Difficulty of securing a proper conveyance on reasonable terms ; or, if the parent is allowed compensation, of agreeing upon terms satisfactory to both parties, parents and town officials.

6. Local jealousy ; an acknowledgment that some other section of the town has greater advantages and is outstripping any other locality.

7. Natural proneness of some people to object to the removal of any ancient landmark or to any innovation, however worthy the measure or however well received elsewhere.

“To these objections it may properly be said :—

The first one is more imaginary than real, for any level-

headed man with children to be educated will place a higher value on the quality of the schools and the school spirit in the community than upon the number and accessibility of the schools. Experience has demonstrated the fact that property in towns committed to this plan has appreciated rather than depreciated in value.

The second and third objections are the most serious. It behooves school authorities to see that the danger is reduced to a minimum. Suitable conveyances, covered, should be provided, and competent and careful drivers selected. No risks should be taken. During the noon hour some teacher should remain with the children who carry luncheon.

The fourth, fifth and sixth objections have no great weight. The last one has great influence with those people who choose to live, move and die as did their ancestors,—on the theory that this is the last generation, and that any special efforts at improvement are just so much more than is wise or necessary."

The foregoing will probably answer all questions that may arise with reference to the advisability of consolidating schools, whenever it is possible to do so.

PUPILS.

The number of pupils enrolled during the year was 1233, an increase of 31 over the previous year. The average number belonging was 974, and the average daily attendance 890, small increases over the year before. The percentage of daily attendance to the average membership was 90.9, a decrease of .6 from that of the year before, and .96 less than that in the State for 1893-94.

Regularity in attendance is of the utmost importance. A pupil's absence from school is an injustice to himself and to the other members of the class, and involves intellectual, moral, and financial loss. Earnest efforts should, therefore, be made by school officials, teachers, pupils, and parents to increase the per cent. of attendance.

During the year there were 28,591 half days' absence. It is impossible to represent in figures the intellectual and moral loss which this involved, but if it were possible, the result would be appalling. It is easier to show in figures the financial loss of the money expended by the town for school purposes. It cost about 9 cents a day on an average to educate each person enrolled in the schools during the year. By a process of multiplication, we find that the 28,591 half days' absence represents a total loss of \$1,286.50. This is more than the principal and the two assistants of the Union Street School were paid during the year to instruct its 145 pupils. If 75 per cent. of the absences were unavoidable (but I believe the per cent. is smaller) the 25 per cent. of avoidable absences represents a loss of \$321.65.

The number of cases of tardiness was 1,710, a decrease of 1,299 from that of the year before. This is certainly very gratifying. It shows what teachers can do, for this decrease is largely due to the strenuous efforts made by them to secure greater punctuality, and they deserve much credit. The formation of the habit of punctuality in some pupils and the strengthening of the habit in others, which this increased punctuality represents, is worth many times more

than the energy expended, and the good results that will surely follow are incalculable.

The number of cases of truancy was 12, a decrease of 11 from that of the year before. If the number continues to decrease as it has in the past, truants will be unknown in a few years, a state of affairs greatly to be desired. The report of one of the truant officers, Mr. James A. Burgess, is herewith transmitted, and I respectfully call your attention to the same. (See Exhibit E.)

TEACHERS.

The policy introduced in 1894 that no person shall be employed to teach in the schools of the town, who is not a graduate of a high school of good standing, or who has not received the equivalent of a good high school training, and who subsequently has not received some training in a school or class for the professional training of teachers, or in lieu of this training, has not had successful experience in teaching, has been continued during the year just closed with good results. Experience proved, however, that the professional requirements were not explicit enough. In several instances persons were employed whose professional training had extended over a period of only three or four months. While this limited training was of some value, there was a lack of teaching power and skill which longer training would have helped to supply. The action of the School Committee last June making the successful completion of the course of study of the Teachers' Training Class, which is a one year's course, the minimum professional qualification, was, there-

fore, most timely, and one which will prove beneficial to the schools.

The rules of the Committee requiring increased and better scholastic and professional training of those who wish to enter upon the work of teaching in the public schools, is in line with the policy of the State Board of Education.

The requirements for admission to the normal schools of the State in 1896 are as follows:—

“Candidates for admission to any one of the normal schools must have attained the age of seventeen years, complete, if young men, and sixteen years, if young women; and must be free from any disease or infirmity which would unfit them for the office of teacher. They must present certificates of good moral standing, give evidence of good intellectual capacity, (records of their scholarship standing in the high schools are desired,) and be graduates of high schools whose courses of study have been approved by the Board of Education; or they must have received, to the satisfaction of the principal and the ‘Board of Visitors’ of the school, the equivalent of a good high school education.”

In the plan for the “State Examination and Certification of Teachers,” prepared by Secretary Frank A. Hill and approved by the State Board of Education, we find with other rules the following:

“To be eligible to the examination for the elementary grade probationary certificate, the candidate must satisfy the following conditions:—

(a.) He must be a graduate of a high school of good standing, or he must have received the equivalent of a good high school training.

(b.) He must be a graduate of one of the State normal schools of Massachusetts, or of the Boston Normal School, or of some approved State normal school, or he must have had at least two full years' experience in teaching."

Since good scholarship and professional training are essential to true success, it does not follow that all persons possessing these qualifications will be successful. There are other qualifications, such as health, character, and natural aptitudes for the work, that are also essential. These must, therefore, be given due consideration in the selection of teachers.

While proper and sufficient preparation and natural endowments are so very important, the growth and the development of those in the work are equally important. The school system should, therefore, be conducive to this growth and development. But whatever agencies may be at work, much will depend upon the individual teacher. He should take an active interest in all that pertains to education and the improvement of his work, and should take advantage of the many means for self-improvement that continually present themselves. He should be a student of the literature of his profession. There ought to be no time during the year when he does not devote at least some time each week to the reading of some work on education. He should take and read at least one educational journal, and, if possible, more than one. He should be a frequent attendant at educational conventions and conferences. Careful observation during another year has strengthened the conviction expressed in the last report that, other things being equal, those teachers who

read and think the most along educational lines show the most improvement in their work.

What follows will give some idea of the scholastic and professional qualifications of the teachers of the town, and of the quantity and quality of their professional reading during the year.

The number of teachers employed was 31. Of this number, 2 are graduates of colleges, 25 are graduates of high schools—18 of the High School here, and 6 are graduates of normal schools. Besides the normal graduates, 18 had professional training—2 in normal schools and 16 in the Teachers' Training Class here. The number of those who are not graduates of any school is 4, and 3 had no professional preparation.

As in former years, I requested the teachers to answer, at the close of the year, the following questions:

1. What books on education did you read during the year?
2. What educational journals did you read during the year?

Answers were received from every one. These were carefully studied, and the tabulated results are here given.

The names of the books read, and the number of teachers by whom each one was read, are as follows: James' "Psychology, Briefer Course", 8; McLellan's "Applied Psychology", 2; Sully's "Psychology", 1; Spencer's "Education", 7; Mann's "Lectures on Education", 1; Page's "Theory and Practice of Teaching", 7; White's "Elements of Pedagogy", 2; Compayre's "Lectures on Pedagogy", 8; Fitch's "Lectures on Teaching", 3; DeGraff's "School-Room Guide", 2;

Parker's "Talks on Teaching", 1; Partridge's "Quincy Methods Illustrated", 1; Arnold's "Waymarks for Teachers", 14; Prince's "Courses and Methods", 1; Prince's "Methods of Instruction and Organization in German Schools", 1; "Report of Committee of Fifteen", 10; King's "Methods and Aids in Geography", 1; Howe's "Systematic Science Teaching", 1; Hughe's "Mistakes in Teaching", 2; Kellogg's "School Management", 10; White's "School Management", 11; Browning's "Educational Theories", 1; Compayre's "History of Pedagogy", 1; Laurie's "Life and Works of Comenius", 4.

In this list are not included such books as "Evolution of Dodd", "Beckonings from Little Hands", Wiggins's "Child Life", and others which may properly be classed under educational books.

The names of educational journals read, and the number of teachers by whom each one was read, are as follows: "Education", 1; "Educational Foundations", 19; "New York School Journal", 1; "Journal of Education" (Boston), 7; "School Review", 3; "Teachers' Institute", 6; "Popular Educator", 6; "American Teacher", 3; "Primary Education", 21; "Primary School", 6; "Teachers' World", 1; "Teachers' Outlook", 1; "Normal Instructor", 1.

Of books, 2 teachers read 8, 1 read 6, 5 read 5, 6 read 4, 6 read 3, 3 read 2, and 8 read 1; of papers, 3 read 4, 14 read 3, 9 read 2, and 5 read 1. Every teacher read at least one book on education and one educational journal.

Six of the teachers attended a school of methods during part of the summer vacation.

The foregoing facts will show more conclusively the pro-

gressive professional spirit of the teaching force than any mere statement of mine to that effect would.

The following list contains the names of those who resigned during the year :

Miss Susie J. Mantle	.	.	High School.
Miss Mary E. Frink	.	.	School Street School.
Miss Susan A. Dorrance	.	.	West Side School.
Miss Nellie T. Alden	.	.	South Middleboro School.
Miss Lydia E. Holmes	.	.	Wappannucket School.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

These meetings have been conducted in the belief that they are an essential part of a system of public schools, and that teachers will help to make them a success, if they can be made to feel that the benefits to be derived are invaluable and not to be obtained in any other way.

The meetings have been of three kinds—Principals' Round Table, grade meetings, and monthly general meetings.

The Principals' Round Table met once each school month. The discussions dealt largely with topics pertaining to school management and changes in the course of study.

For the grade meetings teachers were divided into four sections, as follows: Primary, grades I-III; Lower Grammar, grades IV-VI; Upper Grammar, grades VII-IX; and Suburban, mixed grades. Each section met once each school month for the period of one hour. The time was devoted to a discussion of topics pertaining to school work, and the subject matter of a prescribed amount of reading in some work on teaching. The Primary and Suburban sections studied and

discussed Arnold's "Waymarks for Teachers", and the Lower and Upper Grammar sections, Compayre's "Lectures on Pedagogy". Parts of "The Report of the Committee of Fifteen" were also studied and discussed.

Basing a part of the work of these meetings on the subject matter of educational works has several advantages. It makes the work more definite, requires some preparation on the part of every one, and induces all to read and study pedagogical literature. To make the plan a success it should not be too slavishly followed.

The teachers were allowed one day during the year to visit schools in other places. At the grade meetings reports of these visits were given and discussed. In this way each teacher of a section received the benefit, in part at least, of the visits of the others. This proved to be a valuable feature of the meetings.

The principal of the High School and his assistants continued their weekly meetings, begun in 1894, throughout the school year. They were attended by the Superintendent whenever his other duties would permit.

The general meetings were held once a month, on Saturday mornings, from ten to twelve o'clock. Subjects of general interest were considered. In November we began the study of some of the greatest educational reformers of modern times—their lives, their educational work and ideas, and their influence on present educational thought. Comenius was made the subject for the December meeting, and all the other subjects of the programme were made to center around him. The September number of "Educational Foundations",

which contained valuable articles on Comenius and other important educational subjects, had previously been studied by the teachers. The meeting proved to be one of the best thus far held, and it is our intention to continue the plan during the coming year. The following were the subjects: "Comenius"; "The Object and Aim of Education"; "The Value of Method in Teaching"; "The Art of Illustration in the Service of Teaching"; "We Learn to Do a Thing by Doing It"; and "Some Rules of Teaching Applied to Primary Work."

We were favored with addresses by two of the Agents of the State Board of Education. At the January meeting Mr. James W. MacDonald spoke on "The Study of English," and at the April meeting Mr. A. W. Edson presented "Topical Teaching." Both addresses were replete with wise counsel and practical wisdom and were well received by the teachers.

PEDAGOGICAL CLUB.

The Club had a successful year. Its meetings were better attended and the interest manifested was greater than the year before. In March, under its auspices, a free lecture was given in Town Hall by Rev. A. E. Winship of Boston, editor of the "Journal of Education." His subject was "The Whig and the Tory in Education." The address was admirable, and it was warmly received by the large audience present.

TEACHERS' LIBRARY.

During the past three years a teachers' library has been in process of collection in the Superintendent's office, and it now numbers 110 volumes. This does not include the large number of school reports on file. It was well patronized by the teachers, and additions should be made to it each year. [For list of books see Appendix.]

TEACHERS' TRAINING CLASS.

The action of the Committee in 1894 making the successful completion of a four years' high school course, or its equivalent, the minimum scholastic qualification for admission to the class, and their action in June making the successful completion of the course of study of the class the minimum professional qualification for admission to the teaching ranks have made it possible to expand and strengthen the work of the class.

The work begins in September of each year and is continued to the close of the schools in June. It now includes both the science of teaching and the art of teaching. In the science of teaching are included (1) psychology, (2) methodology, (3) school management, (4) history of education, and (5) school law. The art of teaching includes (1) observation of good teaching, and (2) practice teaching.

During the past year the members met the Superintendent once a week for a period of two hours for class instruction. This time was divided into two recitation periods of fifty-five minutes each, one period being devoted to one subject

and the other period to a different subject. The work in each subject was based on a text-book, regular lessons being assigned for study and recitation. The class was frequently required to write on assigned subjects treating of school work. The history of education and school law had to be omitted during the spring term for lack of time, but such changes have since been made as will make it possible to give instruction in these branches during the coming year.

During the fall term each pupil-teacher was required to observe the regular teaching in each of the nine grades of the Elementary Schools giving a period of three weeks to each grade. They were allowed to teach individual pupils who needed more help than the regular teachers, in justice to the other pupils, could give; but they were not allowed to teach classes unless they were called upon by the Superintendent to act as substitute teachers. In an article in the January number of "The School Review" on "The Influence of the High School upon Educational Methods," Prof. Dewey of the University of Chicago says, "The proper place of the pupil-teacher is as a helper, here, there and anywhere that he can discover something to do, dealing with a few individuals in their personal difficulties rather than with the teaching of a class *en masse*." This well expresses the duties of our pupil-teachers during the fall and winter terms. During the spring term their duties are largely the same, but, in addition, they are allowed to teach classes in each of the grades.

A class of twelve began work in September. This made it necessary to assign more than one pupil-teacher to a room.

This is objectionable for a number of reasons, and future classes should, therefore, be limited to nine members.

Membership in the class and completion of the course of study does not insure an appointment as teacher in the schools of the town.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school had a successful year. Although the number of pupils enrolled shows a decrease of 13 from that of the year before, I believe that more and better work was done.

The decrease in enrollment was due to several causes. The entering class in the fall of 1892 was the largest ever admitted to the school. It comprised the pupils of the ninth grade and most of those of the eighth grade. This made an increase in the number of pupils for a few years. A large number of those who entered at that time were not prepared to do the work, and, as a natural result, left school. Of the 68 pupils who were admitted the present graduating class, numbering 17, is all that is left.

Greater care has been exercised during the last two years in the admission of pupils. While this has made the entering classes smaller, the results obtained fully justify the course pursued. It has been the aim to admit all whose work in the Elementary Schools has shown that they are prepared to do higher work. Admitting a pupil who is not prepared to go on is an injustice to the pupil and to the school.

The number enrolled for the year was 11.3 per cent. of the whole number enrolled in the schools and 2 per cent. of the population of the town. The present graduating class numbers 9 boys and 8 girls. These figures are very gratifying.

A new course of study was prepared during the year. The class which entered in September began the studies of the new course, while the classes who had begun the old course will continue the same until they have completed it. This arrangement was necessary so as not to mix the work too much.

In the preparation of the course we availed ourselves of the many discussions on secondary education that have been going on within late years. The "Report of the Committee of Ten", the complete reports of the annual meetings of the New England Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools, other reports, discussions, and courses of study of leading high schools were studied. The knowledge thus gained together with a knowledge of the condition and needs of the school, and past experience entered into the preparation of the course.

While the course is based on the belief that three recitations a day, requiring previous preparation, are enough for the average pupil, those who are able to do more work without detriment to their health are encouraged to do so. We have tried to avoid both too little pressure and too much pressure.

The principal changes are the strengthening of the work in English, history, and science, the introduction of electives, and a general rearrangement of the work. What was known as the English-Classical Course is now called the English-Latin Course.

We realize that the new course is not perfect, but we think it is an improvement over the old one. Some things we

should like to have had different, but present conditions would not permit. Since a course of study is a growth and a development, and, therefore, subject to change, such changes will be made from time to time as experience may prove necessary.

About the middle of the year the "Middleborough High School Alumni Association" was organized. Two successful meetings have thus far been held. At the last meeting Mrs. Annie D. Deane of the School Committee read an interesting paper on "The History of the Middleborough High School."

During the fall term the Middleborough High School Literary Society was organized. Meetings are held once in two weeks. The pupils are enthusiastic over it, and its success is assured. We confidently look to it for good results.

The needs of the school are (1) better accommodations, and (2) a better equipment of reference books, charts, and apparatus.

Your attention is invited to the report of the principal of the school (Exhibit B,) and to Mrs. Deane's paper (Appendix.)

PROGRAMME FOR SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

The efficiency of all schools depends almost wholly upon the character of the teachers, the employment of correct methods of teaching and the proper means of school management, and skilled supervision. A properly arranged daily programme of recitations and study periods is a very important means of school management, and this is especially true in the suburban schools having mixed grades.

The course of study in these schools is essentially the same as that for the Central schools, except in music, drawing, and nature study. It is divided into nine grades, each grade representing a year's work for the average pupil. It very seldom happens that all the grades are represented in one school at one time; but enough are always represented to tax the knowledge and skill of the teachers to the utmost to know how best to deal with the different grades in the limited time at their disposal.

Recognizing the need of a well arranged programme for these schools, one was prepared and introduced in November. It is adapted to schools having all the grades as well as to those having a less number. It requires the division of a school into three sections—A, B and C. The time assigned to each of a section's recitation and study periods is the time belonging to the grades of that section. The time given to the recitation periods of a section is not equally divided between or among the grades of the section, day after day, but varies depending on the nature of the lessons and the needs of the class. The combined exercises must not, however, exceed the time assigned to a section for any one subject.

The following, with the exception of a few slight changes and omissions, is a copy of the programme and the notes which accompanied it when it was first given to the teachers. It was fully explained in November at a meeting of the teachers of these schools.

Time of Class.	Length of Period.	C.	B.	A.
9.00	15	<i>Opening Exercises and General Lesson.</i>		
9.15	20	Seat Work.	Reading.	*Reading.
9.35	20	Silent Reading.	*Reading.	Arithmetic.
9.55	20	*Reading.	Arithmetic.	Arithmetic.
10.15	25	Seat Work.	Arithmetic.	*Arithmetic.
10.40	10	<i>Recess.</i>		
10.50	25	Arithmetic.	*Arithmetic.	Language.
11.15	25	*Arithmetic.	Seat Work.	Language.
11.40	20	Excused from School.	Language.	*Language.
<i>Noon Intermission.</i>				
1.00	15	<i>Music and General Lesson.</i>		
1.15	20	Silent Reading.	*Language.	Geography.
1.35	20	*Reading.	Geography.	Geography.
1.55	20	Seat Work.	Geography.	*Geography.
2.15	20	*Writing.	*Writing.	*Writing.
2.35	10	<i>Recess.</i>		
2.45	20	Seat Work.	*Geography.	Spelling.
3.05	20	*Drawing.	*Drawing.	*Drawing.
3.25	5	<i>Physical Exercises.</i>		
3.30	15	Excused from School.	Spelling.	*Spelling.
3.45	15		*Spelling.	Reading.

*The recitations are indicated by a star.

NOTES.

History in grades IV-VII is included under reading. Two lessons a week will be sufficient. A formal study of history, including the elements of civil government, is to be made in grades VIII and IX, three lessons a week in place of reading.

In the primary grades spelling is to be taught in connection with reading.

The writing lessons two or three days each week may be in the nature of written language work.

Music is to be taught four days each week.

For instruction in drawing the school is to be divided into two sections, section one including the first four grades, and section two all grades above. On Friday the time assigned to drawing may be taken for general exercises.

The general lessons should include current events, nature study, study of gem selections of poetry and prose, and morals and manners.

In grade IX, arithmetic is to be taught three days each week during the fall and spring terms, and one day each week during the winter term; book-keeping, two days each week during the winter term; and elementary algebra, two days throughout the year.

Physiology is to be taught during the winter term. In primary grades, three of the general lesson periods, and in grades above, three of the geography periods, each week, are to be given to instruction in this branch. Throughout the year such incidental instruction should be given as occasion may demand, and teachers should exercise great care that the pupils live up to the knowledge gained by a judicious study of this important branch.

Excellent suggestions for seat work are found in Miss Arnold's "Waymarks for Teachers."

The subject of daily programme for ungraded schools is admirably treated in White's "School Management," a study

of which has been of great assistance in the preparation of this programme. Every teacher should study it.

The programme has been in use two months, and the teachers are well pleased with its workings. It is not perfect, and such changes will be made as further study and experience may prove necessary.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Our energies have been directed to the perfection of lines of work already begun rather than the introduction of new ones. The work was characterized by an earnestness of effort on the part of teachers and pupils which was commendable, and, in general, the results were better than the year before.

The teaching of reading received a large share of our attention, and good progress was made. The pupils now read forty per cent. better than they did two years ago. The course in literature was extended.

The work in history was extended. It now includes the following books, each pupil being supplied with a copy. Grade IV has Dodge's "American History Stories"; grade V, Eggleston's "A First Book in American History"; grade VI, Hawthorne's "True Stories from New England History"; grade VII, Eggleston's "A History of the United States and Its People"; grades VIII and IX, Fiske's "A History of the United States for Schools".

In grades IV-VII the prescribed books are read and discussed. Most of the reading is done in class, though some of it is done at home. Two lessons a week throughout the year are prescribed. In grades VIII and IX a formal study of the

subject is made. The elements of civil government are taught in grade IX.

Poems and prose selections of a historical nature are studied and memorized in connection with the work in history. The following is the prescribed list: Grade I, "America"; grade II, "Barbara Frietchie"; grade III, "The Star Spangled Banner"; grade IV, "Paul Revere's Ride"; grade V, "Independence Bell"; grade VI, "Hail Columbia"; grade VII, "The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers"; grade VIII, "The Red, White, and Blue"; grade IX, "Love of Country" and "Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech".

In the primary grades the pupils are expected to repeat the words, and in the grammar grades to repeat and write the words. In grades above the first, the poems of preceding grades are reviewed. The songs are sung as well as recited. More should, if possible, be done along this line than is prescribed.

Our aims in historical teaching have been as follows:—

1. The acquisition of a body of useful facts.
2. Cultivation of memory, imagination, judgment, and reasoning.
3. Moral training.
4. Preparation for citizenship.
5. Training in literary expression.
6. To create an interest in history, develop a taste for historical reading, and provide the pupil with both the power and the disposition to study the subject for himself in a systematic way.

Nature study received more attention than formerly, but

not as much as the importance of the subject demands. It is our intention to arrange and introduce during the coming year a regular course in the study of plants and animals.

The results in music are not what they should be for the time and labor that is spent in its teaching. This is not the fault of the teachers, for most of them tried to do their best under existing conditions. The results in drawing are better.

In last year's report, in reference to the teaching of these subjects, I said: "The importance of the subjects and the good results that will follow, if they are properly taught, demand that such provisions be made that the teaching may be as effectual as in the other subjects of the curriculum. The schools have been amply supplied with materials for the work; but if these materials are not properly used, and the teaching is not of the right sort, the results will not be commensurate with the time and expense involved. We need the services of a skilled supervisor, one who is able to instruct, guide, and inspire the teachers and the pupils."

I heartily second the unanimous decision of the Committee to ask for an appropriation to pay the services of a supervisor of music, and I hope that the town will see fit to comply with the request.

Elementary algebra was introduced into the ninth grade near the close of the year.

In last year's report attention was called to the fact that near the close of the year the work of the grammar schools was arranged in two parallel courses, one to be accomplished in six years and the other in four years. The plan was fol-

lowed during the past year, and while it is too early to speak definitely of its success, the results so far have been good, and it will be continued during the coming year. It is as follows :—

The course of study is divided in two ways: (1) to cover six years; (2) to cover four years.

The six years' course is divided as before into six grades called grades four, five, six, seven, eight, and nine. The four years' course is divided into four grades called grades D, C, B, and A.

When pupils enter the grammar schools they will begin the year's work together, but at the end of two or three months they will be separated into two divisions, remaining in the same room under the same teacher. During the year one division (grade four) will complete one-sixth of the course, and the other division (grade D) will complete one-fourth of it.

During the second year grade C will be in the same room as grade four. At the end of the year both grades will have completed one-half of the course of study—the one in two years and the other in three years.

The plan for the last half of the course is the same as for the first half.

The course may also be completed in five years in two ways: (1) A pupil in the four years' course may, at the end of two years, be transferred to grade seven and complete the remainder of the course in three years. (2) A pupil in the six years' course may, at the end of three years, be transferred to grade B and complete the remainder of the

course in two years. These changes do not necessitate the omitting or repeating any part of the course.

Departmental teaching was continued in the three highest grades of the Main Street Grammar School with good results.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the kind and generous support received from the School Committee, teachers, pupils, and friends of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ASHER J. JACOBY,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

EXHIBIT A.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS, 1895.

SCHOOLS.	ROOMS.	TEACHERS.	GRADES.	Number Registered.	Average Membership.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.
High.		Walter Sampson, <i>Prin.</i> Grace Allen. Jennie Bennett. Alice W. Collins.		146	107	103	96
Main street.	4	John P. Arnold, <i>Prin.</i>	IX	54	44	41	93
	3	Annie A. Lovell.	VIII & D	44	41	39	95
	2	Nellie M. Bennett.	VII & C	52	46	44	95
	1	Flora L. Nickerson.	VI & B	50	48	44	93
Union street.	2	Flor. E. Thompson, <i>Prin.</i> H. Gertrude Holmes, <i>Ass't.</i>	IV-V & A	96	82	76	93
	1	M. Evelyn Holloway.	III	49	42	40	94
School street.	3	Lizzie B. Lucas, <i>Prin.</i> Ethel G. Nichols, <i>Ass't.</i>	II	65	62	57	92
	2	Edith A. Roberts.	I	44	43	37	86
	1	Eleanor A. Barden.	I	109	62	54	87
West Side.	3	Eva M. Hopkins, <i>Prin.</i>	VI-VIII	27	23	21	91
	2	Lillian M. Thomas.	II-V	38	37	33	89
	1	A. Belle Tenney.	I	29	25	21	84
Pleasant street.		E. Frances Dunham.	Mixed.	36	25	24	97
Plymouth "		Charlotte E. Flagg.	"	20	15	14	91
Purchade.		Lucia A. Drake.	"	53	33	33	91
Nemasket.		Myra L. Atwood.	"	43	25	22	88
Soule.		Carrie E. Soule.	"	19	11	10	93
Waterville.		Carolyn H. Parker.	"	35	28	26	92
Green.		C. Augusta Thomas.	"	54	40	37	93
Fall Brook.		Sarah O. Morse.	"	31	20	17	88
Thomastown.		Frances M. Perry.	"	29	21	20	95
So. Middleboro.		Bessie B. Gibbs.	"	30	22	20	88
Highland.		Emma N. Phinney.	"	17	13	11	85
Rock.		Mary E. Deane.	"	40	29	23	82
Wappanucket.		Helen S. Maxim.	"	25	14	12	85

EXHIBIT B.

Mr. A. J. Jacoby, Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR :—I take pleasure in calling your attention to the following report of the High School for the school year just completed :

The total enrollment during the year was 146, a decrease of 13 from that of the preceding year. The average number belonging was 107, a decrease of 2. The average daily attendance was 103, a decrease of 2. These slight decreases were due largely to the fact that the entering class in September was smaller than usual. The percentage of daily attendance to the average number belonging was 96, the same as the preceding year.

The number of half-days' absence for the year was 1592—a loss equivalent to a four years' course in the High School for one pupil. The number looks smaller, however, when we consider that it means the absence of four scholars each day from a school numbering 107. There has been a marked improvement in punctuality, the number of cases of tardiness being less than half that of 1894.

The school has been favored with 161 visits. It is worthy of notice that a large percentage of these has occurred Friday afternoons during rhetorical exercises. I think that the citizens of the town would get a larger idea of the work of the school, if they would attend the regular class-room exercises as well. They would also realize that we are very much in need of an additional recitation-room to carry on our work to the best advantage.

Some changes have been made in the High School course during the year—changes for the better we firmly believe. I would call attention to the drill in English Composition during the first term of the first year's work as one of these. I think it would be well for parents to examine carefully the programme of the courses, and help the child decide which course he is to pursue, before the child enters the school.

The following statistics for the month of December may be of interest: Whole number of pupils, 108; first class, 17—9 boys and 8 girls; second class, 24—6 boys and 18 girls; third class, 29—10 boys and 19 girls; fourth class, 38—20 boys and 18 girls; total, 45 boys and 63 girls. Of these, 51 are taking the English-Latin, 47 the English, and 10 the Classical course. About 44 per cent. are boys, and 56 per cent., girls. I think that this is the largest per cent. of boys there has been in the High School since my connection with it.

I cannot help thinking that many leave school at an early age, with the ready consent or even encouragement of parents, who do not fully realize the wealth of opportunity offered by our free public school system; that it is the privilege of every boy and girl in this Commonwealth to obtain a High school education without costing his parents an additional penny for school books or tuition; that, if they desire to continue this line of study in college or scientific school, even if their means are limited, provisions have been made for the pecuniary assistance of deserving students who are bent on making the most of themselves; that when they have completed such a course, they are in a position to judge for themselves what line of work is best suited to their tastes and abilities.

The graduating class of '95 numbered fourteen. The exercises were held in the Town Hall, Friday evening, June 28. The following was the programme :

Prayer.

Rev. M. F. Johnson.

Salutatory and Oration, Arbitration.

Frank Miller Surrey.

Essay, The Sphere of Woman.

Veretta Florence Shaw.

Recitation, Too Late for the Train.

Louisa Holmes Sampson.

Music, Selected.

Essay, The Key to Success.

Lillian Dean Bump.

Oration, The Power of Habit.

Clifford Thomas Westgate.

Essay, Fin de Siecle.

Mary Standish Parker.

Music, Selected.

Essay, Thé Pleasures of Memory.

Lizzie Warren Wade.

Recitation, Burdock's Music Box.

Herbert Lyman Tripp.

Oration, Apples of Discord.

Agnes Blake Jenks.

Music, Selected.

Essay, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

Bertha Evelyn Bryant.

Recitation, Mont Blanc before Sunrise.

Mattie Morton Bennett.

Oration, The Hard Times.

Joseph Henry Edwards

Music, Selected.

Class Prophecy.

Delia Roberts Kingman.

Essay and Valedictory, The End Not Yet.

Fannie Frost Macdonald.

Presentation of Diplomas.

Adeline V. Wood, Chairman of School Committee.

Benediction.

Principal, - - - WALTER SAMPSON.

Assistants, - - - { JENNIE G. ALLEN.
JENNIE BENNETT.
SUSIE J. MANTLE.

CLASS OF 1895.

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Delia Roberts Kingman,

Lizzie Warren Wade,

Fannie Frost Macdonald,

Clifford Thomas Westgate.

Class motto, "Excelsior." Class color, Light Blue and Dark Green. Class flower, Forget-me-not.

Music, Bay State Orchestra.

In closing, I wish to thank the school officials for their support and interest in looking out and providing for the

needs of the school—a fact that has contributed largely to its success.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER SAMPSON,

Principal.

EXHIBIT C.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

Of the Middleborough Elementary Schools, Friday, June 21,
1895, at 2.30 P. M., High School Assembly Room.

Programme.

Chorus—Fairies.	Schools.
Prayer.	Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge.
Recitation—The American Flag.	Harry W. Porter.
Recitation—Nobility.	Lena M. Baldwin.
Piano Solo—Farewell.	Edith F. Pierce.
Recitation—A Legend of Bregenz.	Mabel E. Perkins.
Vocal Solo—Tit for Tat.	Lucy P. Carter.
Recitation—King's Mountain.	George B. Ryder.
Chorus—A Hungry Spider.	Schools.
Recitation—The Pilgrim Fathers.	Caro D. Washburn.
Recitation—Freedom.	Marion K. Tillson.
Vocal Duet—Whispering Hope.	
	L. Mabel Place and Grace W. Merrihew.
Recitation—The Brave Engineer.	Rufus W. Clark.
Recitation—Guilty or not Guilty.	Anne S. Cushman.
Piano Duet—Selected.	
	Grace S. Dixon and Olive W. Sullivan.
Address.	Supt. Asher J. Jacoby.
Presentation of Certificates of Graduation.	
	Adeline V. Wood, Chairman of School Committee.
Chorus—Summer Wind.	Schools.
Benediction.	

CLASS OF '95.

Main Street Grammar School.

Lena M. Baldwin,	Charles E. Boehme,
Lucy P. Carter,	Millie F. Caswell,
Harry B. Caswell,	Lizzie M. Chase,
Ocena M. Clark,	Rufus W. Clark,
Anne S. Cushman,	Grace S. Dixon,
Eugene L. Dunham,	Ralph L. Hathaway,
James G. Kelley,	Grace W. Merrihew,
James F. McClusky,	Theodore H. Miller,
Sadie M. Norris,	Edgar A. Paun,
Mabel E. Perkins,	Edith F. Pierce,
L. Mabel Place,	Stanley L. Porter,
Harry W. Porter,	Everett B. Pratt,
George B. Ryder,	Olive W. Sullivan,
Marion K. Tillson,	Percy C. Tobey,
Caro D. Washburn,	Harold R. White.

Thompsonville School.

Laura C. Deane,	Grace E. Wood,
	Alva C. Dennett.

Rock School.

Cora Chase,	Nannie Field,
	Ichabod F. Atwood.

EXHIBIT D.

TEACHERS' TRAINING CLASS.

1895.

Bennett, Mattie M.,	Middleborough High School.
Bryant, Bertha E.,	Middleborough High School.
Carleton, Alice B.,	Middleborough High School.
Flagg, Charlotte E.,	Middleborough High School.
Gibbs, Bessie B.,	Middleborough High School.
Litchfield, Annie S.,	Middleborough High School.
Macdonald, Fannie F.,	Middleborough High School.
Maxim, Helen S.,	Middleborough High School.
Nicholls, Ethel G.,	Middleborough High School.
Roberts, Alice R.,	Middleborough High School.
Sampson, Louisa H.,	Middleborough High School.
Shaw, Veretta F ,	Middleborough High School.
Dunham, Harriet E.,	Plymouth High School.
Gibbs, Ida M.,	Brockton High School.
Perry, Frances M.,	Bourne High School.
Walley, Mary T.,	North Brookfield High School.
Cornell, Netta M.,	Kee Mar College, Hagerstown, Md.

EXHIBIT E.

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In preparing my report as Truant Officer for the past year I find a marked improvement as to truancy, but so long as some families live and raise children, just so long there will be children that will not attend school; for the parents of these families had to have the truant law enforced in their own behalf. In many cases the child is more willing to go to school than the parent is to have him attend. I am sorry to have to make the statement that the trouble is mainly with children of native-born citizens. Tardiness in the village arises from parents sending their children to school too early rather than too late, for they loiter about the streets and in the stores, and feel called upon to ride with order carts and peddle-wagons until past the school hour and are late at school. I have been obliged to look after several such cases. Complaint was made by a parent that his boy would not go to school on account of a cold schoolroom, yet that boy was on the street more than an hour before school time, when if kept at home until within a reasonable time, and then sent to school thoroughly warmed, there would have been no cause for complaint. Again, a child has an ill-turn, and a physician is called who says the child had better not attend school for a few days; then the parent thinks he had better not go again during school age. If such parents realized the importance

of their children attending school much trouble and expense would be avoided.

However, from a truancy of thirty in 1893, the number has been reduced to twelve, and it is the sincere wish of the writer that with the new year the parents will endeavor to have their children attend school without the help of the truant officer.

JAMES A. BURGESS,

Truant Officer.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY, 1896.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Main Street, near Town Hall.

Walter Sampson, Principal, 4 High Street.

Grace Allen, 23 Pierce Street.

Jennie Bennett, 23 Pierce Street.

Alice W. Collins, 15 Pierce Street.

MAIN STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

High School Building.

Room.	Grade.	
4.	John P. Arnold, Prin.,	IX. 91 Oak Street.
3.	Annie A. Lovell, A and VIII.	12 High Street.
2.	Nellie M. Bennett, B and VII.	23 Pierce Street.
1.	Flora L. Nickerson, C and VI.	69 Center Street.

UNION STREET GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Union Street, near Center.

Room.	Grade.	
2.	Flor. E. Thompson, Prin., D, IV and V.	61 Pearl Street.
1.	H. Gertrude Holmes, Ass't,	26 Main Street.
	M. Evelyn Holloway,	III. Union Street.

SCHOOL STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

School Street, near Center.

Room.		Grade.	
3.	Lizzie B. Lucas, Prin.,	II.	10 Southwick Street.
	Ethel G. Nichols, Ass't,		22 School Street.
2.	Edith A. Roberts,	I.	8 Myrtle Street.
1.	Eleanor A. Barden,	I.	9 Myrtle Street.

WEST SIDE GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Room.		Grade.	
3.	Eva M. Hopkins, Prin.,	VI-VIII.	East Main Street.
2.	Lillian M. Thomas,	II-V.	8 Court End Ave.
1.	A. Belle Tenney,	I.	65 Oak Street.

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

Pleasant Street—E. Frances Dunham, North Middleboro.

Plymouth Street—Charlotte E. Flagg, 27 Pearl Street.

Purchade—Lucia A. Drake, Box 174.

Nemasket—Myra L. Atwood, Box 383.

Soule—Carrie E. Soule, Eddyville.

Waterville—Carolyn H. Parker, 62 Pearl Street.

Green—C. Augusta Thomas, 8 Court End Avenue.

Fall Brook—Sarah O. Morse, Middleboro.

Thomastown—Frances M. Perry, Middleboro.

South Middleboro—Bessie B. Gibbs, South Middleboro.

Highland—Emma N. Phinney, 24 Pearl Street.

Rock—Mary E. Deane, Rock.

Wappanucket—Helen S. Maxim, Rock.

MIDDLEBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.

COURSES OF STUDY.

English Course.

English-Latin Course.

Classical Course.

FOURTH CLASS. (Tenth Grade.)

English,	80	Latin,	200	Latin,	200
Greek and Roman His-	80	English,	80	English,	80
tory,	120	Greek and Roman His-	Greek and Roman His-	Greek and Roman His-	
Algebra,	200	tory,	120	tory,	120
Physiology,	80	Algebra,	200	Algebra,	200
Botany,	120				

THIRD CLASS. (Eleventh Grade.)

English,	80	Latin,	200	Latin,	200
English History,	120	Geometry,	200	Greek,	200
Geometry,	200	Physics,	140	Geometry,	200
Physics,	140	Chemistry,	60		
Chemistry,	60				

SECOND CLASS. (Twelfth Grade.)

English,	120	Latin,	200	Latin,	200
American History,	80	French,	200	Greek,	200
French,	200	English,	120	English,	120
Chemistry,	80	American History,	80	American History,	80
Physical Geography,	120				

FIRST CLASS. (Thirteenth Grade.)

English,	80	Latin,	200	Latin,	200
Civics,	120	English,	80	Greek,	200
<i>Two of the following:</i>		Civics,	120	English,	80
1. Astronomy,	80	<i>One of the following:</i>		<i>One of the following:</i>	
Geology,	60	1. French,	200	1. French,	200
Book-keeping,	60	2. Review Mathemat-	2. Review Mathemat-		
2. French,	200	ics,	200	ics,	200
3. Review Mathemat-					
ics,	200				

NOTES.

The figures after each study show the number of exercises each year.

Every pupil is expected to have at least fifteen exercises each week, not counting drawing, singing, rhetoricals, and physical training.

Drawing is required in all courses during the first two years.

Singing, rhetoricals, and physical training throughout each course.

Before pupils enter the school or upon entering, they, under the direction of the parents and the principal, may elect any one of the courses; but they will not be allowed to change from one course to another without the consent of the principal and the Superintendent.

All pupils must take one of the regular courses. Permission to pursue a greater number of studies than the course requires will be granted only upon the request of parent or guardian, and then only in cases where the previous work of the pupil has been satisfactory, and the daily programme of the school makes it possible for the pupil to take such study or studies without conflicting with his regular work.

No person can enter a normal school in Massachusetts without a diploma of graduation from a high school, or evidence of an equivalent education.

The admission of pupils to the school and their promotion in and graduation from the school are governed by the following regulations:—

1. Graduates of the Elementary Schools shall be admitted

to the High School upon their certificates of graduation. For all others, whether previously connected with the Middleborough schools or not, a High School entrance examination shall be held prior to the opening of the schools in September. Persons receiving an average of *Excellent*, *Good*, or *Fair*, at said examination, shall be admitted to the first-year class in the High School.

2. The principal of the High School may, with the approval of the Superintendent, return to the Grammar Schools any pupils who are found to be unprepared for High School work.

3. It shall be the duty of each teacher to make and record, at the end of each week, upon blanks provided for the purpose, a careful estimate of each pupil's work in the different branches of study. These estimates are to be based on the fidelity and success with which the pupils do their assigned work, and also on their success in meeting the various oral and written tests which have been employed as an element of teaching. The estimates shall be indicated by letters according to the following scale of rank: 90 to 100, or E., Excellent; 80 to 90, or G., Good; 70 to 80, or F., Fair; 60 to 70, or L., Low; 50 to 60, or P., Poor; below 50, or V. P., Very Poor.

4. The principal shall, from time to time, subject the pupils to such examinations as will indicate their progress and be helpful to both teachers and pupils. Whenever the estimates of such examinations are combined with the teachers' estimates, the former shall count one-third and the latter two-thirds.

5. Pupils absent on account of sickness may have credit for the lessons lost, providing such lessons are made up to the satisfaction of the principal, but pupils absent for reasons other than sickness may be deprived of this privilege.

6. To be promoted a pupil's marks must average *Excellent*, *Good*, or *Fair*; but pupils falling below *Low* in any subject must repeat the subject, and in two subjects must repeat the year's work.

7. Pupils who have satisfactorily completed any one of the prescribed courses of study will, at the discretion of the School Committee, be graduated therefrom. At graduation diplomas will be awarded at public commencement exercises.

8. At the end of each school month a report of the record of each pupil in attendance, scholarship, and conduct, shall be made to the parent or guardian of such pupil, on a card provided for the purpose.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

COURSE OF STUDY.—LANGUAGE.

Punctuation and Capital Letters.

FIRST GRADE.

1. Use of the period and interrogation points at the end of a sentence.

2. Use of capitals (1) at beginning of sentences ; (2) in proper names—pupils being taught to write their own names ; (3) in writing the words *I* and *O*.

SECOND GRADE.

Review of the work of the preceding grade.

1. Use (1) of the exclamation point ; (2) of the comma after direct address and after words in a series ; (3) of the apostrophe in contractions and in singular possessives.

2. Use of capitals in (1) proper names ; (2) names of places ; (3) names of streets ; (4) name of the school ; (5) names of the days of the week ; (6) names of the months.

THIRD GRADE.

Thorough review of the work of the preceding grades.

1. Use (1) of the period as a mark of abbreviation ; (2) of the comma and period in punctuating date and address ; (3) of quotation marks, and of the comma in connection with quotations.

2. Use of capitals in headings, or titles of books, and in quotations.

FOURTH GRADE.

Review of the work of the preceding grades.

1. Quotation marks thoroughly taught. Use of (1) comma and colon before a quotation; (2) the apostrophe in plural possessives; (3) the hyphen at the end of a line when a word is rightly divided.

2. Capital at the beginning of a line of poetry.

FIFTH GRADE.

Review and continue the work of the preceding grades.

1. Use (1) of the comma in separating the members of a compound sentence; (2) of the semicolon in separating the members of a compound sentence, when they are subdivided by commas.

2. Use of capitals in (1) titles of honor or respect; (2) names of religious sects, political parties, or special bodies of men; (3) in words naming particular things or events of special importance; (4) any name or title of God; (5) words derived from proper names.

SIXTH GRADE.

Review and continue the work of the preceding grades.

1. Use of the comma in transposed, explanatory, and intermediate expressions.

SEVENTH GRADE.

Continue the work of preceding grades.

All important uses of punctuation marks and of capital letters not yet taught.

EIGHTH AND NINTH GRADES.

Continue the work of preceding grades.

Grade D.—Work of the fourth grade and the first half of the fifth grade.

Grade C.—Work of the last half of the fifth grade and all of the sixth grade.

Grade B.—Work of the seventh grade and the first half of the eighth grade.

Grade A.—Work of the last half of the eighth grade and all of the ninth grade.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS
IN THE
TEACHERS' LIBRARY, SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Compayre's History of Pedagogy.
Painter's History of Education. (9.)
Quick's Educational Reformers.
Browning's Educational Theories.
Allen's Outlines of Educational History.
Davidson's The Education of the Greek People.
Rosseau's Emile.
Boone's Education in the United States.
Martin's Evolution of the Massachusetts Public School System.
Spencer's Education.
Educational Foundations, Vol. 4.
Fitch's Improvement in the Art of Teaching.
Payne's Lectures on the Science and Art of Education.
Rosenkrantz's Philosophy of Education.
DeGarmo's Essentials of Method.
DeGarmo's Herbart and the Herbartians.
Page's Theory and Practice of Teaching.
The Teacher's Mentor.
Northend's Parent and Teacher.
Putnam's Manual of Pedagogics.
Report of the Committee of Ten.
Report of the Committee of Fifteen.
White's School Management. (11.)
White's Elements of Pedagogy. (12.)
Fitch's Lectures on Teaching. (2.)

Compayre's Lectures on Pedagogy.
 Brook's Normal Methods of Teaching. (2.)
 DeGraff's School Room Guide.
 Prince's Courses and Methods.
 Prince's Methods in the Schools of Germany.
 Arnold's Waymarks for Teachers. (5.)
 Partridge's Quincy Methods Illustrated.
 Parker's Talks on Teaching.
 Parker's Talks on Pedagogics.
 Noetling's Notes on Education.
 Hughes's Mistakes in Teaching.
 Methods of Teaching Modern Languages.
 Metcalf's How to Teach Language.
 Calkins' How to Teach Phonics.
 Burt's Literary Landmarks.
 Hinsdale's How to Study and Teach History.
 Gordy and Twitchell's Pathfinder in American History.
 Redway's Manual of Geography.
 King's Methods and Aids in Teaching Geography.
 Crocker's Methods of Teaching Geography.
 McLellan and Dewey's The Psychology of Number.
 Shutts' Handbook of Arithmetic.
 Hanus' Geometry in the Grammar School.
 Howe's Systematic Science Teaching.
 Payne's Nature Study.
 Ricks' Natural History Object Lessons.
 Bert's Primer of Scientific Knowledge.
 Harrington's Patriotic Reader.
 Harrington's Beacon Lights of Patriotism.

Ladd's Psychology ; Descriptive and Explanatory.

Ladd's Primer of Psychology. (12.)

McLellan's Applied Psychology. (2.)

Kirkpatrick's Inductive Psychology.

Kellogg's Elementary Psychology.

Tracy's Psychology of Childhood.

Lange's Apperception—DeGarmo.

Publications of the Bureau of Education.

School Reports.

NOTE.—The numbers in parentheses show the number of books of a kind.

HISTORY OF THE MIDDLEBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.

A paper read by Mrs. Annie D. Deane at the mid-winter meeting of the Middleborough High School Alumni Association, Friday evening, Dec. 27, 1895.

About 46 years ago, a man named Thomas Covington, and it is a singular fact that he lived in the old house which stood where our High School building of to-day stands, ambitious that his daughter should be instructed in the higher branches, arose in town meeting and said he was prepared to begin a lawsuit against the town at once if they did not take some action in regard to establishing a High School. Accordingly in the report of the town meeting held Aug. 6, 1849, we find—"Voted, to establish an High School as the law directs."

In the School Committee's report for the year '49-'50, which was the first report to be printed, we find this article: "Your Committee have attended to the duty assigned to them by the town in relation to the High School, and report as follows: The first term commenced in the vestry of Rev. Dr. Putnam's church, which was the church at the Green, under the instruction of Ephraim Ward, Jr. Number of scholars, 21. The results were very satisfactory. The second term was taught in the schoolhouse in District No. 20, Titicut, with the same teacher as principal. Number of pupils, 55." And the report goes on to say: "Your Committee share in the prevalent feeling of the town that the money expended for this school might be more usefully appropriated for the use of our other schools. The probable expense of the school will be about \$400 for the year."

In the School Committee's report for '50-'51 we find this report of the High School: "The third term was held in the schoolhouse of District No. 22, the same teacher; fourth term, schoolhouse of District No. 31; fifth term was in charge of Rev. Mr. Simonds, school held in District No. 13. Whole number of scholars, 29."

From a digest of school laws printed at that time we copy the following law pertaining to High Schools: "Any town, containing 500 families, shall, besides the common schools, maintain a school, to be kept by a master of competent ability and good morals, who shall in addition to the branches of learning already mentioned, give instruction in History of United States, book-keeping, surveying and algebra, and such school must be kept for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the town, ten months at least in each year."

Middleborough and Lakeville being one town, it probably contained the required number of families to support a High School, which was undoubtedly the reason for its existence at this time. After this year, 1850, the High School seems to have "sunk into oblivion," for we find not the remotest allusion to it in the following reports of the School Committee, no doubt on account of setting off Lakeville as a town by itself.

In 1865, or about 30 years ago, we find the subject of a High School being agitated. The law of the State made it necessary for every town having 4,000 inhabitants to maintain a school for all, having a teacher qualified to teach besides the common branches of study the higher branches, also the languages. And the Committee earnestly recommended that such a school be established and maintained, as it would raise

the standard of education in the town, and be a means of improving the district schools, as the scholars would be ambitious to qualify themselves for the honor of being a member of the High School; and that it would be much the better way to have it located in some place near the center of the town, as the idea of a movable High School was not practicable.

At the annual town meeting of 1867, it was voted to appropriate \$1,000 for a town High School, and the Committee were instructed to locate said school in four different sections of the town; but for lack of scholars, no school was established in but two sections.

At the Rock, the Rev. F. G. Pratt taught the fall term. There being no suitable building in the center for the High School, the Committee availed themselves of an offer made to the town by the Trustees of Peirce Academy, and placed the school in their building, and the services of an enthusiastic teacher were secured, Mr. C. A. Cole, who taught about a year. The Committee felt that a High School which should be the "head-center" of our system of common schools was now well started.

In '68, Mr. Elbridge Cushman, who was one of the Committee, taught the school at the Rock. At the center, the chapel of the Congregational church was hired and Mr. Charles A. Smart, a graduate of Brown University, and Mr. S. J. Dike, a graduate of Amherst, were the teachers. It was in this year that the new law was enacted allowing towns to transport scholars at the public expense, and the Committee suggested that the town authorize them to pay a certain sum

for the transportation of scholars, so that the whole town, instead of a part, would patronize the school.

In the year '69, a supplement to the High School was taught at North Middleborough by Rev. H. L. Edwards in the form of a Latin class of about ten pupils, also a branch High School at the Rock by Elbridge Cushman. In this year the Academy building was hired at a rent of \$300 per year, as it did not seem advisable to erect a building suitable for the purpose. The first term was taught by Mr. Henry Dame, and the remainder of the year by Mr. G. F. Robinson.

The standard of admission was low, and no attempt to classify the pupils had been attempted, and a three years' course of study was recommended by the Committee. At the town meeting in March, '71, the town voted \$300 to pay traveling expenses to and from the High School; consequently there was but one school during the year which was held in Academy building, the first term taught by Mr. G. F. Robinson. For the remainder of the year the school was under the instruction of Prof. J. W. P. Jenks, and through him the pupils enjoyed the advantages of the extensive cabinet and apparatus belonging to Peirce Academy, and he attempted to organize the school upon a plan of a three years' course of study, arranging for three courses, English, English and classical, and classical.

The summer term of the next year was taught by Misses Lydia and Ella Robinson, both graduates of our higher seminaries. They resigned at the close of the term, and Mr. E. E. Parker, a Dartmouth graduate, took their place. During his third term, the first regular assistant was employed,

Miss Annie D. Pratt, now Mrs. L. Deane. At the close of this term he resigned, greatly to the regret of the Committee. The services of Mr. A. W. Blair were secured, another Dartmouth graduate. He labored faithfully to establish a course of study which should be strictly adhered to, in order that a class might be prepared for graduation. At the close of one year he resigned, to be followed by Mr. George H. Adams, who only remained one term.

Mr. J. H. Willoughby, another Dartmouth graduate, followed. Although there had been a frequent change of teachers, the Committee felt that the High School was making commendable progress. With the coming of Mr. Willoughby, the school took possession of the commodious and pleasant rooms provided for it in the new and elegant Town House, just completed, ('74). It occupied four rooms. Mr. Willoughby succeeded in getting the school well classified, and formed a graduating class from those who had been in the school for a number of years. During this year drawing was introduced into the High School, and a special teacher was employed, Miss Anna C. Eddy. Two courses of study were arranged at this time, English and classical, and English.

At the close of the school year in June, 1876, a class was for the first time graduated from the High School. I think the names of this class should be mentioned: Mariquita P. Eddy, Annie E. Leach, Mattie Lovell, Minnie D. Case, Helena Shaw, Annah Soule, J. Harvey Doane, Andrew J. Bisbee.

A large class entered with the fall term, and the High School has not failed of its graduating class from that year

to this, although the second class to graduate numbered but one lone member, Walton Clark. The school continued with only one assistant until 1885, when a second assistant was employed.

At the close of the summer term of '86, Mr. Willoughby severed his connection with the school, after a term of service of nearly 13 years, and the principals immediately following were Dr. Charles S. Ober, who taught one term, to be followed by Mr. A. K. Potter, Jr., a graduate of Brown University.

In 1886 we find our High School in a new and costly building, with the largest enrollment since its existence, 110, and with the next year a third assistant was employed.

In the year 1890 Mr. Potter resigned his position, and Walter Sampson took his place. And we are glad to say that we still have him with us. We feel that it has been the determined purpose of his work to raise the standard of the school. Although there have been many and frequent changes among the assistants, still our High School has made progress in the right direction, and we have a school of which we are justly proud, though we have bright anticipations for the future when our High School shall occupy a building exclusively its own, with the necessary rooms and appliances for its greatest growth.

In closing, a list of the assistant teachers in their order of service is presented. Miss Pratt resigned in 1878, and Miss R. E. Stacy came. Miss Stacy was succeeded by Miss Folger, who came in the fall term of 1879. In 1882 Miss Grace Robertson came for one year, when Miss Folger re-

turned. In 1885 Miss Dora Pierce, now Mrs. G. G. Leonard, an additional assistant, was employed. Miss Zilpha Chace and Miss Mary Emerson followed, with Miss Mary Chace next in line, to be succeeded by Miss Frances Nichols; then Miss Sadie M. Lake, Miss Etta L. Chapman, Miss Ella MacGregor, and Miss Mabel B. Woodbury, A. B. In 1893 Miss Zilpha Chace, first assistant, resigned, greatly to the regret of all, to be followed by Miss Annie M. Greene, first assistant, with Miss M. Josephine Hodgdon and Miss F. Gertrude Coolidge as second and third assistants. Then came Miss Grace Allen, Miss Susie J. Mantle, and Miss Jennie Bennett. Miss Mantle, resigning her place, was followed by Miss Alice Collins.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1896.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Winter term (twelve weeks) begins January 6.

Winter term ends March 27.

Vacation, one week.

Spring term (eleven weeks) begins April 6.

Spring term ends June 19.

Vacation, eleven weeks.

Fall term (fifteen weeks) begins September 7.

Fall term ends December 18.

Vacation, two weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Same as the Elementary Schools, with the following exceptions:—

Winter term (thirteen weeks) begins Dec. 30, 1895.

Fall term (sixteen weeks) begins August 31.

HOLIDAYS.

February 22, April 19, May 30, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

STORM SIGNALS.

All Grades.

The storm signal, 2-1-2, will be given twice upon the fire alarm bell and whistle at 8.15 A. M., for suspension of the morning session, and at 12.45 P. M. for suspension of the afternoon session. For one session the signal will be given at 11.15 A. M.

Grades I-V.

The storm signal, 3-3-3, will be given twice upon the fire alarm bell and whistle at 8.15 A. M., for suspension of the morning session, and at 12.45 P. M., for suspension of the afternoon session.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT
FOR
THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
TO BE HELD IN
THE TOWN HALL, MONDAY, MARCH 9, A. D. 1896,
AT NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers. The following officers to be voted for on one ballot, viz.: One Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, thirteen Constables, three Fish Wardens, one Auditor, three Fence Viewers, all for one year each; one Selectman, one Assessor, for three years; one Overseer of the Poor for three years; one Overseer of the Poor for two years, (to fill vacancy); and three Trustees of the Public Library, all for three years each; two members of the School Committee, each for three years; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, and one member of the Municipal Light Board for two years (to fill vacancy); one member of the Board of Health for three years. The polls for the election of these officers will be open at half-past eleven o'clock A. M., and will not be closed before half-past three P. M.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes", or "No", in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money, by tax, or otherwise, as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, appropriate the same, and to act anything in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes for the year.

ART. 5. To see what action the town will take in relation to hiring money in anticipation of taxes the present year, or for any other purpose.

ART. 6. To hear the reports of any of the officers or committees of the town, and act thereon.

ART. 7. To allow accounts against the town, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen pound keepers.

ART. 9. To dispose of the money received for "dog licenses", and all other licenses the present year, and act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will pay the expense of a Night Watch in the Four Corners village, and act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, G. A. R., on Memorial Day, and act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will appropriate any sum of

money to defray the expenses of the Soldiers' Monument dedication services, and act thereon. (By request.)

ART. 13. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to meet any deficiency in the subscription to pay for the Soldiers' Monument. (By request.)

ART. 14. To see if the town will pay their School Committee for their services the ensuing year, and act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen, and act thereon.

ART. 16. To take action in relation to the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleborough, Rochester, Lakeville and Freetown.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in relation to sprinkling the streets, and act thereon. (By request.)

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the erection of a wind-mill and such other appliances as may be necessary for the purpose of furnishing a water supply at the Town Farm, appropriate money to defray the expenses of the same, and act thereon. (By request.)

ART. 19. To hear and act upon the report of the committee appointed at the last annual town meeting to prepare revised By-Laws for the town.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize a contract with the Fire District, through its Water Commissioners, for a water supply for the town and public purposes for a term of years, and act thereon.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take in reference to the recommendation of the School Committee that a new school building be erected at Rock. (By request.)

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing one or more double teams for use on the highways and other purposes, and appropriate money for the same and act thereon. (By request.)

ART. 23. To see if the town will appropriate any money for the suppression of crime and act thereon. (By request.)

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